

Afghan bombings kill 66 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan jets bombed a Pakistani border region for the second day on Friday killing at least 31 people and wounding about 50 at two Afghan refugee camps. Pakistani government officials said. An Afghan guerrilla party put the death toll in the Kurram tribal area of north-west Pakistan at 43, but government officials said they had reports of 30 dead and 36 wounded at one camp and one dead and 11 wounded at another. Most of casualties were Afghan refugees but they also included Pakistanis engaged in relief work, they said. Friday's attack was the second reported by Pakistani officials since United Nations-sponsored indirect peace talks with Afghanistan resumed in Geneva on Wednesday (see page 8). The officials said more than 35 people were killed and about 200 wounded when Afghan jets bombed two villages in the north Waziristan tribal area bordering Pakia on Thursday.

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Jordan signs Airbus agreement

AMMAN (J.T.) — Finance Minister Hanna Odeh and Chairman of the board of directors of Royal Jordanian (RJ) Ali Ghandour on Friday signed an agreement in Paris with a French company under which the French firm will provide RJ with six Airbus planes. The first Airbus will be delivered on March 16.

Plan ready for health insurance for all

AMMAN (J.T.) — A new health insurance plan applicable to all staff of private institutions, companies, banks and chambers of commerce and industry has been drawn up, a well-placed source from the Higher Health Council said Friday. The source added that each individual's contribution to the plan had been tentatively estimated between JD 30 and JD 35 per annum and that more than one million private-sector employees and their families would benefit from the plan.

Vehicle insurance to be unified

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Supply and Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher has issued new regulations which govern vehicle insurance companies in the country to ensure that these companies pay due compensation to the insured. Under the new regulations each company dealing in compulsory vehicles insurance will be allowed to conduct business only through a unified office for vehicle insurance. The unified office will be supervised and run by the Jordan Association of Insurance Companies.

Craxi may resign

ROME (AP) — The heads of the five parties in the coalition government met on Friday amid mounting indications that Socialist Premier Bettino Craxi would soon resign. Media reports following the meeting said that it was likely Mr. Craxi would go before parliament next week to tender the resignation of the coalition, seriously split recently over a pact calling for a mid-term rotation of premiers. Whether the coalition was planning to offer the premiership to a Christian Democrat — the core of the problem — was still up in the air after the meeting.

Sea mine kills 2 Bahraini children

BAHRAIN (AP) — A sea mine that apparently drifted from the Iran-Iraq war zone to Bahrain's western shore on Friday exploded and killed two boys, witnesses reported. The Interior Ministry in a statement confirmed the blast, adding that the victims, aged nine and 13, were playing at an isolated beach near village of Budaya when the mine exploded. Villagers sped to the scene of the blast, where the boys were "torn to pieces," the same witnesses said. The ministry's statement, distributed by the Gulf news agency, warned children against "playing with any strange objects on the coasts."

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Egypt and Israel to push for int'l conference in '87

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egypt and Israel on Friday agreed to launch efforts towards convening an international conference on the Middle East before the end of the year to find an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

A joint statement at the end of a 48-hour visit by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called for "the convening in 1987 of an international conference leading to direct negotiations... to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its aspects and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The two sides said they were working to bring other partners into the peace process, but agreed there were problems to be solved before a conference could take place.

Asked if he was sure a conference would take place this year, Mr. Peres told reporters: "We will try but there are still many obstacles along the way."

He was speaking after a second round of talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the proposed conference, which is causing a major political row in Israel because of opposition by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

At an airport press conference on Mr. Peres' departure, the Israeli minister and his Egyptian counterpart, Ahmad Esmat Abdul

Meguid, made clear that Palestinian representation was an outstanding stumbling block.

Mr. Peres, repeating the Israeli contention that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was a "terroristic organisation," said it could not take part in the proposed conference.

"The PLO has excluded itself in our judgement," Mr. Peres said in answer to a question. "I'd like to respond," Mr. Abdul Meguid said. "Palestinian representation in an international conference is first of all up to the Palestinians, and then it must be agreed upon by the parties concerned. We cannot, in our opinion, start excluding parties."

The joint statement is likely to be discussed officially in Israel at Sunday's regular cabinet meeting. Political insiders close to Mr. Shamir discounted the likelihood of a serious government fight.

"I don't think there has to be an immediate showdown because there is nothing practical right now," one Israeli official said. Mr. Peres sidestepped a ques-

tion on whether Israel would deal with the PLO if it accepted U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Israel rejects any contact with the PLO, but has accepted the presence in a proposed joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation of two leaders from the Israeli-occupied Arab territories who are close to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Egyptian sources close to the talks said Israel had a list of names of possible Palestinian negotiators and Jordan had another.

"Egypt is not proposing any names, we are trying to get the two sides to agree on one list," one source said.

In an apparent effort to appease Mr. Shamir and his allies, Mr. Peres stressed several times Friday that he and the Egyptians agreed a broad-based conference was intended to pave the way to direct negotiations favoured by Mr. Shamir. "Don't leave that out, he told one reporter in Cairo.

Later in Tel Aviv, Mr. Peres said: "My programme is to bring peace between Israel and its neighbours, not to get involved in the wars of the Jews."

The issuing of a joint statement, which Israeli delegation officials had said was not plan-

ned, appeared to indicate Mr. Peres and Mr. Mubarak had made progress during 2 1/2 days of talks in ironing out their previous differences about such a conference.

Those disagreements also covered whether to allow Soviet participation and what role delegates would play in later direct talks.

In Bonn, a West German spokesman said His Majesty King Hussein would visit West Germany next week to discuss an international conference on the Middle East and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher would go to Cairo for related talks.

The spokesman said the King, now in Austria, was scheduled to meet Mr. Genscher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl next Thursday.

Mr. Genscher would be going to Cairo for talks on the proposed conference "in the immediate future."

The foreign ministers of the European Community (EC) agreed last Monday to support calls, first made by King Hussein, for an international conference.

The resolution has been welcomed by the PLO and the Arab League.

Syria has rejected direct Arab-Israeli negotiations within the framework of an international conference.

Syrian-Hizbollah tension eases after Khomeini issues fatwa

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Relative calm returned to the western sector of Beirut on Friday after tension between pro-Iranian militiamen and Syrian peacekeepers appeared to have subsided following a fatwa, an Islamic edict, issued by Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini that his followers should avoid confrontation with the Syrians.

Syrian soldiers deployed around empty west Beirut embassies and the commander of the 7,000-strong Syrian peacekeeping force called on foreigners to return to the Lebanese capital.

Syria's military intelligence chief in Lebanon warned rival militiamen they should release Lebanese captives they abducted just before his troops entered Beirut.

"We have plenty of information about the kidnappers, who will be severely punished unless all the captives are immediately set free," said Brigadier Ghazi Kenaan.

"This is the last warning, after which we will act directly against the kidnappers," Brig. Kenaan said in a statement broadcast by the city's privately owned radio and television stations.

However, the Syrian commander said his troops could do little to gain the release 26 foreigners

missing in Lebanon and believed held mainly by Shiite extremists.

Police said Syrian troops erected 23 checkpoints and raided seven arms hideouts in various parts of city on the sixth day of their campaign to end the reign of feuding militias.

Police said ammunition for machine guns and mortars was seized from the seven raided depots of Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Shiite Amal militia in various neighbourhoods of west Beirut's Barbour and Tarik Jeddah districts.

In Tehran, a top Iranian official said Syria had told Iran that clashes between Syrian forces and fighters of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah earlier this week were not sanctioned by the Syrian government.

Majlis (parliament) Speaker Hojatoleslam Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told worshippers that the fighting resulted from a conspiracy, the national Iranian news agency (IRNA) reported.

Mr. Rafsanjani said the Syrians had explained that the clashes were the result of a "wanton move ... on the spur of the moment."

He said the Syrian explanation appeared plausible and called for continued friendship between Hizbollah and the Syrians.

"He reminded ... that the Hiz-

bollahs are the people who kicked the Americans and the French and the British out of Lebanon and that they are a people who are fighting with the Zionists in Lebanon today," IRNA reported.

Hizbollah said on Wednesday it would avenge its dead. Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, was reported on Thursday to have issued a fatwa, that Hizbollah should avoid confrontation with the Syrians over the killing of the militants.

The daily As Safir newspaper quoted Hizbollah sources as saying Ayatollah Khomeini called for "rising above the wounds and avoiding confrontation."

Hizbollah has said 18 of its members were among 26 people killed when Syrian troops took over the party's west Beirut stronghold on Tuesday night.

The Syrians moved into the sector of Beirut on Sunday to quell six days of fighting between rival militias.

On Thursday, Iranian Prime Minister Mr. Hossein Mousavi condemned any attack on Hizbollah as serving the cause of imperialism, IRNA reported.

"The premier said that progressive forces were expected to

Gorbachev: ABM treaty key element for peace

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Friday that observation of a major arms control treaty he accused the United States of seeking to break was a key element in achieving world peace, the official news agency TASS said.

TASS said Mr. Gorbachev, during two hours of talks with Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, reiterated that the United States had sought a broader interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty at arms talks in Geneva.

"The main thing at present is to prevent the wrecking of the ABM treaty. Otherwise talks will be degraded, the arms race will go out of control, instability will become critical, mistrust and suspicion will grow," he said.

"That would be a blow to East-West political dialogue, which is just beginning to pick up pace and would have grave psychological consequences for the entire world public."

Washington was aroused concern among its Western allies by raising the idea of a broader interpretation of the treaty which would allow extensive testing of President Reagan's "Star Wars" plans for space-based missile defence.

"A broader interpretation of the treaty is not a routine, transient element at talks (between East and West in Geneva), it is a matter of principle," Mr. Gorbachev said.

Nuclear test

In another development, the Soviet Union, which on Thursday carried out its first nuclear test explosion since 1985, says it is ready to resume its nuclear testing freeze if the United States follows suit.

Major-General Gely Batyenia of the Defence Ministry blamed the resumption of testing on Washington's failure to join the Soviet Union in a complete ban but said the latest test was not the start of a new series.

In Geneva, Soviet diplomat Yuri Nazarkine told a disarmament conference that Moscow would stop tests if the United States also did so.

Mr. Gorbachev had urged the United States to join the testing freeze but said Moscow would end the moratorium if declared in August 1985 after Washington's first test this year.

Prince Hassan: Superpower meddling is responsible for Mideast problems

CAIRO (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has said that the wars and conflicts in the Middle East were the result of manoeuvrings by big powers and cited the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Gulf war and the Lebanese civil strife as examples.

In a message read out at a symposium held in Cairo on violence and politics, Prince Hassan said the superpowers had either sowed the seeds of conflicts or contributed to sparking conflicts. However, said the Crown Prince, Arabs bore part the responsibility for the continuing conflicts in their region.

The Cairo symposium is organised by the Arab Thought Forum in cooperation with Cairo University and the Arab Lawyers' Union. The Crown Prince's message was read out on Friday by the Jordanian ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Hussein Hamami.

In the message, Prince Hassan said the region was witnessing violence and conflicts no different from other parts of the world but the Western media and officials had linked violence with the Arabs and Muslims "as if this phenomenon is restricted to one nation and as if violence is hereditary and inseparable from the biological composition of Arabs and Muslims."

Prince Hassan said those who linked violence with Arabs and Muslims had forgotten that vio-

lence "has its own objective reasons and that the (Western world) is also full of all kinds of organised and non-organised violence which sometimes surpasses the extent to which (the Western media and officials) try to link it with Arabs."

Elaborating on violence as a theme, Prince Hassan noted that the phenomenon could be classified into three categories: violence of words, violence of action and violence sponsored by institutions or states.

Violence of words, Prince Hassan said, was tantamount to violence of action or physical violence. However its harm many not be tangible, despite the fact that it dismisses rational dialogue and distorts exchange of thoughts or ideas, he said.

"There is also another kind of violence triggered by deprivation, which, in turn, is either structural or caused by circumstances."

"What concerns me in this regard," Prince Hassan said, "is the structural deprivation which is caused by failure to satisfy basic needs and enjoy the basic rights, not because individuals are inefficient or incentives are absent but because it is imposed by other influential and strong powers."

"This kind of deprivation is self-generated because of the role played by the major powers," he said.

Prince Hassan said the Palesti-

an people ranked high among those suffering from structural

deprivation. However, he added, there were also other social categories in the Arab society suffering from this deprivation.

Prince Hassan attributed structural deprivation partly to the nature of the world order and dominating powers and partly to the lack of fair distribution at the national level.

Another example on the structural deprivation is the limited outcome of the Arab development decade which was launched during the 11th Arab summit in Amman in 1980, he said. But, he said, after the lapse of six years after the decision was taken nothing significant has happened.

"With this situation in mind," Crown Prince said, "we must not ignore the actual causes behind the victims (of structural deprivation) resorting to violence."

Violence is the expected response for the irregular situation, he said. "It represents a cry for an end to the structural deprivation."

If some of the strong people heard the repeated cry but did not embark on an action to remedy the situation, then those strong people themselves should be deemed as the problem."

On institutional deprivation, Prince Hassan said it was imposed by the state. However, he added, "it should be differentiated from the legitimate state violence practised by the state in the course of applying law and order and maintaining security."

Reagan 'angry' over Tower panel findings, plans changes

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's spokesman on Friday described him as "rightfully angry" about White House mismanagement exposed in the Tower Commission report on the Iran scandal and a key senator said Mr. Reagan would name a new chief of staff.

The report, highly critical of Mr. Reagan's lax style of governing and devastating in its condemnation of his top advisers, was released on Thursday after a three-month probe of the secret sale of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to administration-backed "contra" rebels in Nicaragua (See details on page 4).

"The president is rightfully angry about the mismanagement described in this report and he intends to make changes as soon as possible," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters.

Although Fitzwater's statement seemed to imply that Mr. Reagan was putting the responsibility for the scandal on his staff, he said in response to questions that the president's own management style was being examined as part of a critical review "now under way at the White House."

Mr. Reagan met Republican congressional leaders Friday morning and Senator Robert Dole afterwards told reporters that White House Chief of Staff Donald Reagan, who was harshly criticised in the presidential commission report, would be replaced.

"There will be a new chief of staff. We don't know who it's going to be or when it will be announced," Dole said.

The Kansas senator said he and his colleagues reminded Mr. Reagan he has a heavy legislative schedule and urged him to name a staff chief "who is familiar with what's going on (in Capitol Hill)."

Mr. Reagan, who normally would have attended such a meeting, was not present on Friday. Fitzwater said the president had been in touch with several leading Democratic legislators including the chairman of the special house and Senate committees investigating the Iran affair, Congressman Lee Hamilton of Indiana and Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

"The president simply wanted to reiterate his commitment and the commitment of the White

House to cooperate with their investigations," Fitzwater said.

He said the fate of Mr. Reagan, whose differences with First Lady Nancy Reagan have become public knowledge, would not be decided until next week.

Fitzwater said the president had spoken with former Nevada Senator Paul Laxalt and former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, both of whom have been tipped as possible candidates to replace Mr. Reagan as chief of staff.

"Both of them are old friends and advisers of the president. Both of them have offered to help in various ways and I'm certain that both of them would be available to help in any way the president desires," he said.

Mr. Laxalt in a statement on Friday ruled out accepting any White House job, saying it would mean abandoning his own potential candidacy for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination.

Mr. Lewis was reported on Friday by the Washington Post as having told Mr. Reagan he would not leave his position as president of Union Pacific to take a job in the administration.

Iraq: Iran is facing big hardship

Military strategists expect new Iranian assault

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — An Iraqi field commander was quoted on Friday as saying that Iran's southern offensive, which Tehran announced overnight had ended, had turned into a "big hardship" for Iran.

The Defence Ministry daily Al Qadisiya quoted a major-general, commander of a special commando unit, as saying: "The enemy had built great hopes and expectations on the latest offensive by reaching (the southern Iraqi city of) Basra."

But he said: "The enemy's plans, worked on for a long time, to bring a decisive victory have been foiled and the major offensive has turned into Iran's big hardship."

The commander, who was not identified, said Iraqi forces were in full control of the situation in the Basra area.

"Iranian troops are completely unable to face our forces which are always ready to foil any new Iranian adventure or aggression," he added.

Iraqi Defence Minister General Adnan Khairallah has said the Iraqis lost 80,000 men killed and 150,000-200,000 wounded in the offensive which started Jan. 9.

There was no explanation on

Friday why Iran made the surprise announcement of an end to its six-week-old offensive against Basra, after claiming its forces killed or wounded 2,000 Iraqis in a "final battle" in marshlands east of the city.

The Iraqis claimed in the announcement carried by Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency that they had completed fortifying their bridgehead inside Iraqi territory only nine kilometres east of Basra.

Iran claimed earlier that its forces had beaten back two Iraqi counterattacks aimed at dislodging fanatical Revolutionary Guards from the bridgehead.

Military strategists said Iran appeared to have made the announcement in preparation for a new offensive.

A large force of Iranian troops remained in place in the south, some within sight of Basra, they said.

Other forces were opposite Baghdad, only 155 kilometres from the Iranian border, and still others threatened the northern Iraqi oil fields near Kirkuk.

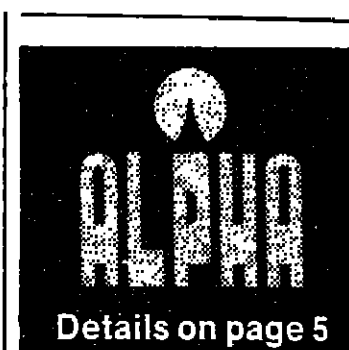
In another development, the Iraqi government on Thursday welcomed a call by U.S. President Ronald Reagan for interna-

tional cooperation to end the Iran-Iraq war.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Reagan had confirmed that Tehran was responsible for the continuation of the war, "a fact that the whole international community must strongly affirm to force Iran to stop its aggression and make peace."

He appealed to the U.N. Security Council, particularly its permanent members, to "follow the example of the Soviet Union and the United States, which both formally announced identical positions" for ending the war.

He reaffirmed that Baghdad would cooperate with the Security Council to achieve a comprehensive and durable peace in the Gulf region.



Tower commission fails to trace all Iran sales funds

WASHINGTON (R) — From his White House basement office, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North managed a fleet of planes, ships, boats, warehouses, vehicles, communications equipment and an airstrip in Costa Rica to support the rebels seeking to oust the leftist Nicaragua government.

But investigators have yet to determine how the former aide to President Reagan paid for it all and they have been frustrated in attempts to follow the trail of money laid down by Col. North from Iran to Central America.

The Tower Commission, in the most exhaustive report to date on the bizarre secret plan to sell arms to Iran in exchange for hostages, said Thursday it was unable to track what happened to the millions of dollars Col. North apparently funnelled to Latin America.

It estimated that Col. North, who has refused to testify, had access to about \$19.8 million in proceeds from the sale to Iran of U.S. arms. But it said that due to manipulation of the funds through foreign accounts and other means "most of these monies remain unaccounted for."

The panel disclosed that Col. North told Attorney General Edwin Meese, in the only recorded conversation on the affair last Nov. 23, that the idea of diverting funds originated with

Amirac Nir, advisor to then Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres during a January 1986 conversation on ways Israel could help the Contras.

"North recalled the Israeli official suggesting that the 'residuals' from the Iran arms sales be transferred to the Contras," the commission said in its report.

Iranian-born arms broker Manucher Ghorbanifar told the commission that a month later he spoke to Col. North and retired U.S. Air Force General Richard Secord, active in right-wing political causes, about the Contras' financial problems due to congressional restrictions on U.S. aid.

He said Col. North asked him if the Iranians would pay \$10,000 apiece for Tow missiles instead of \$6,500. When told that Tehran would, Mr. Ghorbanifar described Col. North as greatly relieved — "a changed man."

Mr. Meese quoted Col. North as saying that \$3 million to \$4 million was diverted to support the Contras after a February 1986 shipment of Tow missiles and that

more was diverted after a May shipment of Hawk missile parts.

Col. North told Mr. Meese that the Israelis handled the money and he gave them the numbers of three accounts opened in Switzerland by contra leader Adolpho Calero.

The commission said that most of nearly \$20 million in "excess amounts" was still unaccounted for and Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi Arabian businessman, and others who put up initial payments for the arms, claim they are still owed \$10 million.

Col. North apparently felt that cheating Iran by overpricing the weapons and then using the money would win public approval.

Richard Armitage, a Defense Department official, quoted Col. North as saying in November that "it's going to be just fine... as soon as everyone knows that... the Ayatollah (Khomeini, Iranian leader) is helping us with the Contras."

Col. North told Mr. Meese that only he, Adm. Poindexter and former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane were aware of the diversion. President Reagan said he was unaware of it.

Elliott Abrams, an assistant secretary of state, testified that Col. North "was pushing for the Contras to grab a piece of (coastal) Nicaraguan territory and proclaim independence."

Habre: Libya to launch renewed attack

PARIS (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has massed 7,000 troops and 350 tanks in northern Chad and is planning a renewed attack on Fada, according to Chad President Hissene Habre.

Fada, the north eastern oasis retaken by Chadian government forces last month, was Col. Qadhafi's "obsession," Mr. Habre said in an interview published Friday in the Paris daily Le Quotidien.

"We know that he has increased his troops at Ouaddi-Doum (a Libyan controlled airbase in northern Chad) from 1,000 to 7,000 men and... he has gathered 350 tanks where he had only 100 at the time of our victory in Fada," Mr. Habre said.

Radio N'djamena reported Thursday that Libyan planes had bombed Fada on Wednesday. Official sources said the town was the target of almost daily air raids since early this year.

In addition to a Libyan attack on Fada and continued fighting in the area of the Tibesti Mountains, the Chadian leader forecast the opening of a third offensive by Libya in eastern Chad on the border with Sudan.

He said Chad had observed concentrations of Libyan troops at the Sudanese border town of Tina, across from Iriba, eastern Chad.

In December, Chadian forces began a drive to oust several thousand Libyan troops it says have occupied northern Chad since 1983. Libya denies having any troops in Chad.

France, which supports Mr. Habre's government, has an estimated 2,400 soldiers in the southern half of its former colony but it has avoided sending troops over the 16th parallel, which effectively separates the country.

Mr. Habre told Le Quotidien that he planned to request additional technical and budgetary aid from Cooperation Minister Michel Aurillac when the French minister visits Chad in May.

Mubarak's U.S. visit off 'because of Iran deal'

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak shelved a suggested Washington visit this month because of U.S. arms sales to Iran, sources close to the government said Friday.

The semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram had said Mr. Mubarak called off the trip because of "internal engagements," mainly parliamentary elections suddenly called this month for April.

But the sources said the main reason was Egyptian anger at the Iran arms sales.

"If Mubarak is asked in Washington how he feels about the Iran deal, he will tell them his opinion and that will upset the Americans," one source said. "If Mubarak goes now to Washington, it means he backs the deal."

Egypt, one of Washington's closest Arab friends, supports Iraq in its war with Iran and Mr. Mubarak has publicly said the United States lost its credibility in the Middle East by selling arms secretly to Tehran.

A state-owned magazine, Al-Mussawir, Thursday also cited differences over Egypt's \$4.5 billion military debt to the United States and lukewarm U.S. support for the idea of an international Middle East peace conference as

reasons for postponing the president's trip.

No dates had been announced for a visit by Mr. Mubarak, who last went to Washington in September 1985. The State Department said this week the subject was still being discussed.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said discussions are underway in an effort to find "mutually agreeable dates for official working visits" to Washington by His Majesty King Hussein and President Mubarak.

"No dates have been set, but we expect to be able to work them out. And we always look forward to visits here by these close friends," the spokesman said.

Mr. Redman had no specific comment to offer on either report. The spokesman acknowledged that "the Iran arms transfer has been of concern to some... of America's friends in the Middle East."

Mr. Redman was asked about reports that indicated Mr. Mubarak was to have visited Washington this week. "There have been dates talked about. But we've never yet arrived at mutually agreeable dates," he said.

France reportedly agreed to free Abdallah this year

PARIS (AP) — A French newspaper reported Friday that France agreed, as part of a deal to stop last fall's Paris bombings, to release Georges Ibrahim Abdallah by the end of 1987.

The report in the daily Le Matin, which cited no sources, said the special seven-judge "terrorist court" now trying Abdallah was expected to convict him, but sentence him to only five or six years in prison.

Abdallah is on trial on charges of complicity in the murder of

American and Israeli diplomats. "Detained since Oct. 25, 1984, Georges Ibrahim Abdallah will have served half his sentence next Oct. 24," said the newspaper.

Under French law, he would be eligible for release. Abdallah's trial was entering its fifth day on Friday afternoon, with a verdict expected sometime Saturday.

A spokesman for the French Justice Ministry, reached by telephone, refused to comment on the newspaper report.

Heavy turnout recorded in Algerian relections

ALGIERS (R) — The turnout in Thursday's general elections in Algeria was an exceptionally heavy 87.29 per cent, Interior Minister Mohamed Yala said Friday.

He told reporters provisional figures showed that almost 10 million ballots were cast out of a total 11.3 million eligible voters, the Algerian News Agency APS reported.

Final results would be announced after a national committee had approved reports by

polling stations. He did not say how long this would take.

Voters had a choice of three candidates for each of the 295 parliamentary seats, all chosen by the National Liberation Front, the single party that has ruled Algeria since independence from France 25 years ago.

The poll was expected to rejuvenate the assembly as three million youths were voting for the first time and four candidates out of five are under 45.

SLA willing to swap 250 prisoners for hostages

MARIJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — Gen. Antoine Lahd, head of the Israeli-backed militia in South Lebanon, has said he held 250 Lebanese prisoners and would be willing to swap them in an exchange involving foreign hostages.

Speaking to reporters in this Christian village, 10 kilometres north of the Israeli border, Gen. Lahd declined to say if there were any contacts underway.

Asked about a swap proposed earlier this month by Lebanon's Justice Minister, Nabih Berri, who heads the Shi'ite Muslim militia Amal, Gen. Lahd said:

"This has been done in the past and I have no basic objections."

Shultz will not resign over Iran arms report

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has acknowledged personal failings in the Iran arms affair but declared he would not resign.

His role in the scandal that has scarred the Reagan administration attracted harsh criticism from a presidential commission that investigated the arms deals.

Mr. Shultz, travelling to China for a week-long visit, refused to comment directly on the commission's report, released Thursday after he had left Washington.

But he admitted to reporters on his plane that he could have done more to stop the sales of weapons to Iran which were at the source of the scandal and that he gave himself poor grades on his performance.

He repeated — as he has done since the crisis broke last November — that he was not going to resign.

"You can wipe that off your slate," he said.

He said he had discussed his China trip with President Reagan last week and Mr. Reagan had repeated earlier instructions that he should cooperate fully with Iran investigators and then get on with his job of managing foreign

policy.

"And that is what I am doing," he said.

The investigative commission, which was appointed by Mr. Reagan, said Mr. Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger had distanced themselves from the march of events in order to protect their own positions and had neglected their obligations to the president.

Mr. Shultz said he had not seen the report.

"At this point, the best thing for me to do is to keep my mouth shut," he said.

But he expressed irritation at not being trusted with a copy of the report before it was published.

"Obviously, I would have wished to have a chance to read the report," he said. "I could have wished they could have put a copy on the plane, given it to the pilot or something."

"There are many things about this situation I don't enjoy," he added.

Officials in Washington decreed no one could get a copy of the report before the president, who received his at 1500 GMT, three hours after Mr. Shultz flew out of the capital.

Report sheds little light on Bush role in Iran deal

WASHINGTON (R) — The report by a presidential panel investigating the Iran-arms scandal quotes a top official as saying Vice President George Bush backed Israeli arms sales to Iran, but otherwise sheds no light on his role in the affair.

The Tower Commission report quotes Secretary of State George Shultz as saying that Mr. Bush attended a meeting with other top officials and that all backed a proposal for Israel to send weapons to Iran to win release of Americans held hostage in Lebanon.

Except for pointing out Mr. Bush's attendance at several

policy-making sessions, the report by the commission headed by former Sen. John Tower of Texas gave no other indication of Mr. Bush's participation in the decision-making process.

Mr. Bush, whose hopes to secure the Republican Party's 1988 nomination to succeed Mr. Reagan in the White House have been badly damaged by the scandal, repeatedly has refused to disclose his recommendations.

In the closest he has come to public discussion of his role, Mr. Bush told reporters two weeks ago that he had "expressed certain reservations on certain aspects" of the affair.

UNRWA seeks \$20m for besieged refugees in Lebanon

VIENNA (R) — A United Nations agency has appealed to governments for \$20.6 million to launch an emergency relief effort for Palestinians in besieged refugee camps in Lebanon, an agency spokesman said.

The Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA), Giorgio Giacomelli, launched the appeal.

It aims to supply some 40,000 besieged refugees with food and clean drinking water, UNRWA spokesman Ron Wilkinson told Reuters.

A siege by Shi'ite Muslim Amal militiamen has trapped Palestinians in the camps of Bourj Al Barajneh and Shatila near Beirut, and Rashadiyah in southern Lebanon for four months.

Mr. Wilkinson said money was

only part of the problem because access to the camps was still either difficult or impossible.

Amal refused to allow seven lorries carrying food and medical supplies into Rashadiyah Thursday and Wednesday, he said.

"If we got \$20 million tomorrow we could certainly stock up but we can't (launch the relief effort) until we're allowed in after the experience of the last two days, it may be a while."

But Amal and leaders of Syrian forces which recently entered West Beirut did allow two UNRWA lorries loaded with relief supplies into Bourj Al Barajneh Wednesday.

Another convoy was given permission to enter Shatila Thursday but there was no news from UNRWA workers if the mission had succeeded, Mr. Wilkinson said.

Pakistan urged to halt nuclear arms progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has warned Pakistan again that it should halt progress toward building an atomic bomb or face another cutoff in U.S. aid.

"Pakistani nuclear restraint is essential to our ability to provide security assistance," Richard Kennedy, an ambassador-at-large, told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Mr. Kennedy coordinates the efforts by President Ronald Reagan's administration to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. Pakistan is a key concern of that drive.

A report earlier in the week by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace said Pakistan is at "the nuclear-weapons threshold" because it has all the parts to build a bomb or is "just short" of that goal, lacking enough highly enriched uranium.

Pakistan is a major recipient in U.S. aid in the South Asia region and serves as the main conduit for U.S. arms shipments to the Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government.

Meanwhile the New York Times has reported that Libya sought to acquire the ability to produce nuclear weapons in 1981

U.S. supreme court hears case on Arab civil rights

WASHINGTON (UPI) — For what is believed to be the first time in its history, the United States Supreme Court on Feb. 25 entertained oral arguments in a case about anti-Arab discrimination.

In the case of St. Francis College versus Al Khazraji the court must decide whether to uphold a lower federal court decision that Majid Al Khazraji, an Iraqi-born professor, is entitled to protection under the Civil Rights Act of 1866. He took legal action after an administrative committee of the college refused him tenure despite a unanimously favourable recommendation by the depart-

ment in which he was teaching. The case has been appealed by the college to the supreme court. The 1866 statute was enacted primarily to protect the civil rights of recently freed slaves after the civil war.

The court also heard arguments in a related case that the Civil Rights Act applies to members of a synagogue which had been desecrated; a claim that had been denied by a lower circuit court. The suburban Maryland synagogue had been vandalised by a radical group who painted anti-Semitic slogans calling for the death of its members.

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17:45 Teaching French
18:15 Arabic series
19:05 Health and Life (live)
19:45 Programme review and varieties
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Iraq Newsletter
20:45 Arabic series
21:45 Faces and Events (Arabic)
22:30 Tomorrow's programmes
22:40 Arabic play
23:00 News summary in Arabic
23:10 Play continued

PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 Entree libre
18:30 Espace de compatriotes
19:00 News in French
19:15 La Vallée des Peupliers
19:30 News in Hebrew
19:45 Perspective
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Music Box
21:30 Dad's Army
22:40 News in English
23:10 Feature film: "A Lucky Man"

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12:00 Morning Show Contd.
12:05 25 Years of Rock
12:30 News Summary
13:00 Pay any Price
13:05 Pop Session
14:00 News Summary
14:15 Pop Session contd.
14:30 News Bulletin
14:50 Concert Hour
15:00 News Summary
15:30 Special Feature
16:00 Music
16:30 Top Twenty
16:50 L'Newsdesk
17:00 Concert Hour
17:30 News Summary
18:00 Special Feature
18:30 Music
19:00 Top Twenty
19:30 L'Newsdesk
20:00 Concert Hour
20:30 News Summary
21:00 Profile
21:30 Word
22:00 Discov'concert
22:30 Music

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* An exhibition entitled "Bezdikan" at the French Cultural Centre (until Feb. 28).

* An exhibition of plastic arts marking the University of Jordan's silver jubilee at the university (until March 4).

FILM

* "Legal Eagles" presented by the Jordanian Cine-Club at 8.00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

LECTURE

* A lecture on drugs organised by the Arab Women Graduate Club at 5.00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre Tel. 6610287
American Centre library 64374
British Council 6361478
French Cultural Centre 641993
Goethe Institute 641205
Spanish Cultural Centre 626499
Turkish Cultural Centre 639777
Hayat Arts Centre 6671816
Hussein Youth City 6671993
Y.W.C.A. 644251
Amman Municipal Library 637111
Univ. of Jordan Library 943555

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium. Open all week 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 657940
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Cuadret Hill). Opening hours: 9.00

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman. Tel. 634900.
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh. Tel. 637440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein. Tel. 661757.
Terra Sancta Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5.30 p.m. Tel. 622366.
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali. Tel. 623441.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman. Tel. 670906.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh. Tel. 771331.
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh. Tel. 775261.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh. Tel. 771751.
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeimani. Tel. 675534.
Evangelical Lutheran Church Jabal Amman, 6th Circle. (Rev. N. Smith). Tel. 811295.

PRAYER TIMES

04:44 Fair
06:03 (Sunrise) Daba
11:48 Dhuhur
15:04 'Asr
17:34 Maghrib
18:52 Isha

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

04:05 Sana'a (RJ)
05:45 Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)
09:00 Agaba (RJ)
09:20 Cairo (RJ)
09:30 Karachi, Dubai (RJ)
09:30 Damascus (RJ)
10:05 Dhahran, Kuwait (RJ)
10:05 Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)
17:00 Larnaca (RJ)
17:20 Cairo (RJ)
17:35 New York, Vienna (RJ)
18:05 Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RJ)
19:40 Tripoli (RJ)
01:00 Baghdad (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

02:45 Belgrade (JU)
11:35 Vienna, New York (RJ)
12:50 Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro (IA)
13:45 Geneva, London (RJ)
14:45 Tripoli (RJ)
15:10 Riyadh (SV)
17:15 Paris, Damascus (AF)
18:25 Amsterdam, Larnaca (IA)
18:30 Geneva, London (RJ)
19:55 Rome, Damascus (AZ)
21:00 Frankfurt (LH)

DEPARTURES ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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MONEY EXCHANGE

Thursday rates

Belgian franc 89.4
Dutch guilder 164.2
French franc 55.7
Italian lire 26.1
Japanese yen (for 100) 230.8
Swedish crown 52.3
Swiss franc 22.2
U.K. sterling pound 519.9
U.S. dollar 338.5
W. German mark 185.9

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

It will be cloudy to partly cloudy, with chances for scattered showers, and winds will be northwesterly moderate. In Agaba, it will be cloudy, with northerly moderate winds. Calm seas will be becoming rough at times.

Min./max. temp.
Amman 4/11
Agaba 10/20
Deserts 3/14
Jordan Valley 10/19

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 10.3, Agaba 20. Humidity readings: Amman 91 per cent, Agaba 35 per cent.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

EMERGENCIES

Amman government 89122
Amman Civil Defence 198, 06
Civil Defence Unit 271293, 273131
Civil Defence Quseimeh 770733
Civil Defence Deir Alla 57316
Ambulance 193, 773111
Amman downtown fire brigade 108
First aid 63041
Blood Bank 773043
Civil Defence rescue 661111
Fire headquarters 623043
Police rescue 192, 621111, 63777
Police headquarters 639141
Traffic police 890301
Electric Power Co. 636381-4, 624881
Municipal water complaints 771258
Queen Alia Int. Airport (06)5553940

HOSPITALS

NEWS IN BRIEF

Regent visits army headquarters

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Thursday paid a visit to the Armed Forces General Headquarters. The Crown Prince conferred with Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu Taleb. The meeting was attended by the Armed Forces inspector general and assistant chiefs of staff.

W. Germany extends technical help

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany is to extend technical help to Jordan to set up a centre at Al Hussein Medical Centre for the manufacture of artificial limbs and to organise seminars and training courses for personnel in this field, in accordance with one of three memoranda signed by the two sides in Amman on Thursday. Another memorandum provides for West Germany to give help to Al Hussein Medical Centre in promoting its intensive care services and a third is to provide Jordan with training and expertise in regional planning. The three memoranda were signed at the Ministry of Planning by the West German charge d'affaires in Jordan and Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan.

More supplies, medicines sent to Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan National Committee for Solidarity with Sudan has sent more quantities of medicines and medical supplies to the Barbar hospital in the northern region of Sudan. The supplies were shipped from Aqaba port to Port Sudan. Several Jordanian companies have volunteered to clear these materials and to ship them to Sudan at their own expense. The shipment is within the framework of the committee's work to support Sudan.

Khatib swears in 14 journalists

AMMAN (Petra) — Fourteen new journalists have joined the Jordanian Press Association (JPA), and on Thursday they were sworn in before Minister of Information Mohammad Al Khatib. The minister made a brief speech at the ceremony calling on journalists to exert more efforts to highlight Jordan's achievements and to reflect the country's bright image to the outside world. The ceremony was attended by JPA President Mahmoud Al Kayed and the director of the Press and Publications Department, Dr. Moussa Keilani.

PSD director inspects Aqaba police centres

AQABA (Petra) — Public Security Department (PSD) Director Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali on Thursday inspected the Aqaba police department, the city's police centre and the Aqaba port guards. He also visited the Aqaba borders department, Al Derreh border centre and the departure and arrival centre at Aqaba port where he inspected the progress of work there. Lt-Gen. Majali met officials at these centres and was briefed on the services offered by these centres and means of facilitating arrival and departure procedures at Aqaba port.

EC official to deliver lecture on Sunday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A leading official at the European Community (EC) is expected to deliver a lecture here on Sunday entitled "The origins, growth and prospects of European Communities." Mr. Christopher Audland, who is expected to arrive the same day on a five-day visit to Jordan, will be presenting a chronological review of the EC's development since its inception. The lecture will be presented at the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Jordan. A former high-ranking foreign official, Mr. Audland is director of the Brussels-based energy department of the commission.

Khayyat to attend conferences in Cairo.

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat leaves for Egypt on Saturday to take part in the 7th conference on population in the Islamic World, which will open in Cairo on Sunday. The conference will discuss a number of topics related to Islam and development. Dr. Khayyat will also participate in a six-day world conference on Islamic education which will start in Cairo on March 8.

RSS president leaves for Egypt today

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Scientific Society (RSS) President Jawad Al Anani leaves for Egypt today on a four-day visit, upon the invitation of Egyptian Minister of Electricity and Energy Maher Abazab. During the visit, the two sides will discuss the implementation of a scientific cooperation agreement between the scientific research academy in Egypt and the RSS. Talks will focus on the exchange of experiences in energy fields, especially solar and wind energy. The two sides will also discuss conducting studies on manufacturing some necessary equipment for the utilisation of these energy resources.

Seminar calls for an end to two-shift system in schools

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seminar on the "school we want" has concluded and recommended cancelling the two shift system at most schools in Jordan, according to a report in the Arabic daily Al Dustour. The seminar also came up with a recommendation calling for holding a national educational conference to discuss means of upgrading education in terms of content and practice.

The seminar's recommendations were drawn up by a special committee comprising Mrs. Laila Sharaf, Ms. Intisar Jardaneh, Ms. Nawal Hashisho, Dr. Taha Haj Elias, Mr. Husni Ayesh, Mr. Toujan Faisal and Dr. Mawiyah Bakri.

The seminar's recommendations dealt with the educational process in terms of educational philosophy and policy, curricula, educational practices and the teaching.

In the field of educational policy and philosophy the seminar issued a recommendation calling for amending and developing the

education law to cope with recent requirements and challenges. It also called for reconsidering educational objectives and reformulating them in a manner capable of translating these objectives into practical applications. The recommendations also called for expanding compulsory education to cope with the needs of students and the financial and human resources of the country.

Another recommendation called for cancelling the two shift system and for expanding the school day to seven hours and the provision of necessary school buildings and facilities.

On the subject of school curricula, the committee made a recommendation calling for reconsidering the curricula to achieve educational objectives and to provide a wide educational base for students. The recommendation also called for involving teachers and community representatives in planning, developing and evaluating curricula.

Bus overturns killing two and injuring 23

AMMAN (J.T.) — Two persons were killed and 23 others injured, some seriously, in a road accident which occurred at dawn on Thursday north of Qatranch in southern Jordan.

The victims were among 44 passengers in a bus heading to Amman from Aqaba, according to the Civil Defence Department (CDD) which rushed men and vehicles to the area in a rescue operation. A CDD spokesman said that the driver lost control over his vehicle which overturned, killing two of the passengers and injuring the others. Twenty people on the bus escaped injury, the spokesman said.

He said that some of the in-

jured were found lying under the overturned vehicle and that the CDD had to bring in additional equipment to lift the bus and rescue the victims.

The CDD also had to bring in help from Hassa, Zizia and Qatranch and used equipment from the Armed Forces in the operation, he continued.

All the passengers were Egyptian nationals and those injured are being treated at Karak Governorate Hospital or at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman.

A spokesman for Karak hospital said that at least two of the injured are in a critical condition and all but seven injured people have now been discharged after free treatment.

Bethlehem deputy Bannoura passes away

AMMAN (J.T.) — Member of Parliament from the Bethlehem constituency Hanna Bannoura has passed away at the age of 87. A statement from Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akel Al Fayez said that Mr. Bannoura died on Wednesday.

Mr. Bannoura, from Beit Sahour near Bethlehem on the occupied West Bank, had been member of Parliament since 1967, according to a spokesman for his family.

Mr. Bannoura, who was born in 1900, studied at local schools and became mayor of the town in 1942, remaining in his post until 1950.

In Parliament, Mr. Bannoura was member of the refugees com-



Hanna Bannoura

mittee and served on the national guidance and tourism and expatriates committees. He is survived by three sons and three daughters, all married and with children.

Dajani inspects security posts, departments in Tafleh district

TAFLEH (Petra) — Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani on Thursday made an inspection tour of Tafleh district where he met officials and heads of local councils to discuss different services in their region.

Addressing a meeting at the governor's house, Mr. Dajani announced that the Interior Ministry plans to open security centres in all provinces to offer better security services to the public. He called on the people of Tafleh to give more attention to agriculture and to back efforts being made to promote the work and activities of sports and youth clubs.

Speaking at the meeting was Mr. Ratab Al Majali, Tafleh's

acting governor, who outlined the various services in the governorate. He also spoke about different projects included in the 1986-1990 five-year development plan and said these projects are mostly aimed at increasing the area of agricultural land and encouraging animal husbandry.

The minister's tour took him to the towns of Basira and Hassa and he also inspected work and activities of the civil registration, the passports and civil defence departments and also visited police stations in the region.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Interior and local heads of departments accompanied the minister on his tour.

AMPCO pays more for tomatoes

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company of Jordan (AMPCO) will purchase 20,000 tonnes of locally produced tomatoes from Jordanian farmers this year at 40 fils per kilogramme, five fils above last year's price, in accordance with instructions issued by the government aimed at supporting farmers' work, according to AMPCO Director General Ghazi Abu Hassan.

He said that all additional

amounts of tomatoes to be bought from local farmers for processing and producing tomato paste will be purchased at the rate of 50 fils a kilogramme, also in accordance with government instructions.

In the past two days, AMPCO processing plants received 87 tonnes of tomatoes in the Ghor Al Safi region alone and the company has concluded contracts for the purchase of tomato crops grown on 9,000 dunums of land.

Candidates state their platforms in run-up to JBA elections

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Nearly 1,300 lawyers will go to the polls on Friday to elect their association's president and nine-member council. Three men, including the current president, are running for the top post.

Mr. Hussein Mjalli is seeking re-election against lawyers Omar Abu Ragheb and Nabil Haddadin. Twenty-seven others are running for council seats.

The three contenders, speaking to lawyers during an organised debate at the Professional Association's Complex on Wednesday night, outlined the platform upon which they based their candidacy. Their pledges centred on improving the financial status of lawyers, the Jordanian Bar Association's (JBA) relationship with various government and non-governmental agencies, retirement pension and other benefits.

Mr. Mjalli called on lawyers to review the association's achievements during his two-year term. He pointed out that during his term, lawyers' retirement pension salary became the highest for any profession in the Kingdom. A lawyer now receives JD 10 in retirement salary for each year in the profession.

Mr. Mjalli said during the debate that a law recently passed by Parliament provided for more justice for lawyers by banning individual lawyers from being general agents or counsellors representing more than five institutions or companies.

A law proposed by the association and passed by Parliament now requires companies with a capital of more than JD 150,000 to appoint a Jordanian lawyer.

Mr. Haddadin, speaking at the debate, stressed the association's socio-political role in the Kingdom. He said that his election platform is based on the need to provide immunity for lawyers and their offices, enhancing the association's independence and its national role.

He said the association should work more towards improving the status of lawyers in the occupied West Bank.

Mr. Haddadin proposed changes on the association's laws in a way that its role would be more compatible with social and economic developments. He said the association carried the responsibility of resisting imperialism and Zionism and supporting the rule of law, the constitution, civil liberties, freedom of expression and opinion, freedom of the press and the abolishment of extraordinary laws that contravene the constitution.

Mr. Haddadin accused Mr. Mjalli of working towards improving the status of a minority of lawyers rather than the general interest of all members of the association.

Mr. Abu Ragheb, responding to Mr. Mjalli's statements on the association's achievements throughout his term, said that these achievements came about as a result of efforts exerted by successive administrations and were not solely a product of the last two years.

In an apparent appeal to newly-graduated lawyers' votes, Mr. Abu Ragheb called for shortening the training period for new graduates to enable them to work and support their families as soon as possible.

He called for enhancing the association's role in supporting national causes.

Ministry updates report on land confiscation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Israeli authorities have confiscated 2,781,724 dunums of land in the occupied Arab territories since the occupation began in 1967 and the number of Israeli colonies built on this land now stands at 195, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs.

The report said that 35 settlements or colonies have been built in the Jerusalem area with the rest built in the areas of Ramallah, Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley and Gaza.

The report said that nearly 63,800 Jewish settlers are now being housed in three colonies and the Israelis plan to build 12,000 housing units for newcomers.

Last month alone the Israelis confiscated 17,105 dunums of land in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip and Jewish settlers carried out acts of aggression and intimidation against the indigenous population, resulting in the injury of seven Arabs and damage to cars and other property, the report pointed out.

It said that nearly 2,000 olive trees owned by Arabs have been uprooted during the past month.

Unemployment figures high in engineers' discussions

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Among many problems plaguing the profession, unemployment among Jordanian engineers figured high during discussions at the Jordan Engineers Association's annual meeting on Friday.

The association also endorsed amendments to the current law governing the profession and discussed the annual report article by article, before a gathering of Jordanian engineers.

The association's general assembly, which meets annually to discuss the annual report, also assessed and approved several items on the agenda including the financial and administrative status as well as the association's budget.

During the evening session, chaired by the association's president Ibrahim Abu Ayash and council members, they approved amendments that defined conditions for admitting new engineers to the association.

Other remaining articles were left to be discussed during the forthcoming general assembly meeting, scheduled to be held within the next two weeks.

Some of the approved amendments dealt with the association's election law and procedures concerning the election of the president and council members, the eligibility of Jordanian engineers to the membership of the association, and general council authorities.

The amendments according to several engineers interviewed by the Jordan Times were adjustments to amendments made in a meeting last week. The debate on several issues was expected to continue well into the association's next elections.

The bulk of the problems facing engineers circle around solving the unemployment problem (nearly 2,000 unemployed) and restricting the activities of foreign engineering offices as well as limiting the monopoly of some Jordanian engineering offices that deal with businesses related to their profession. Some engineers are reportedly engaged in contracting and other professions that often facilitate and improve their chances of taking projects compared to other engineering offices.

Last week, the association made amendments to several laws including an amendment which banned engineers and engineering offices from practicing other commercial or trade projects such as contracting.

New regulations on non-Jordanian engineering offices in the Kingdom included presenting the association with a full report on all non-Jordanians employed in these offices. Under the amendment, they all should be registered in the association after paying the due fees for such registration.

Non-Jordanian engineering offices are also required to employ Jordanian engineers on their staff, equal to the number of foreign engineers. At least one Jordanian engineer should be employed by such offices. Jordanian contractors should participate equally in projects.

Senate endorses laws on investments, JMO during last ordinary session

By Rana Sabbagh
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Upper House of Parliament (Senate) on Thursday endorsed amendments to the 1984 legislation on investments under which Jordanian and foreign investors were given incentives to invest in the Kingdom's JD 3.15 billion five-year development plan.

The law complements earlier Cabinet decisions undertaken to encourage the inflow of capital and investments in the Kingdom's sectors of education, health, industry, agriculture, transport, services and banking.

Apart from this legislation, which was unanimously endorsed by Senators, the House endorsed two other draft laws on the Jordan Marketing Organisation (JMO) and organisations' fixed assets.

They also approved two financial agreements signed between the government of Jordan and the Arab Fund for Socio-Economic Development (AFSED) to finance parts of two schemes pertaining to the Zaza-Ghor Hadithah highway and a project for developing the Zarqa River Basin.

These five legislations were endorsed during the House's final meeting of Parliament's fourth month regular term which ends Sunday in accordance with a Royal Decree issued to this effect on Thursday.

New Senator sworn in

Mr. Salem Ibn Nijad was also sworn in on Thursday as a newly appointed senator to succeed Mr. Mohammad Odeh Abu Tayeh, who passed away last month. Mr. Nijad was appointed senator by a Royal Decree issued on Sunday.

Amendments to the 1984 investment law, as endorsed by both houses, exempted agricultural, animal wealth and fish breeding projects from paying taxes on their final net profit.

Hospital and hotel furniture and equipment imported for renovation purposes 10 years after

the project's inception were also exempted from import duties.

The law also paved the way for setting up a 15-member committee entrusted with finding ways for encouraging investments. The committee is chaired by the minister of trade and industry and groups representatives from various concerned departments, including the tax and customs departments as well as the private sector.

The group, to meet at least once a month, will take decisions pertaining to exempting economic projects from paying taxes and custom duties or part of these fees on materials imported into the country. The exemptions will only be granted if the materials are to be employed in carrying out economic projects, which according to the law were defined as schemes in the sectors of industry, production, mining, education, animal husbandry, fisheries and agriculture. The committee is also in charge of endorsing applications for the transfer of ownerships of projects which are termed as certified economic schemes.

The committee will also deal with issuing recommendations to facilitate investments and forwarding these suggestions to the concerned authorities for incorporation.

The amendments to the legislation on measures taken by organisations regarding fixed assets gave foreign financial, industrial and commercial organisations equal treatment to their Jordanian counterparts in areas related to purchasing land for commercial real estate and housing projects. But the law gave the Cabinet the right to approve or reject any such applications and to set conditions governing the work of such institutions.

The legislation also gave foreign as well as local charitable societies, and religious institutions the right to register land in their name in cases where the land was bought from the private sector. In cases where land was rented by the government to these societies, the Cabinet, acting



Salem Ibn Nijad

upon recommendations by the Finance Minister, has the right to either extend the lease period or revoke the lease.

Economists said that the 1984 and 1977 legislations were taken in line with the Cabinet's decisions of Jan. 25, 1986, to grant Arab and Jordanian investors equal treatment regarding investment facilities, tax and import duty exemptions as well as franchise privileges.

Marketing organisation

Senators also approved Jordan's first ever law on the JMO, which will replace the 1972 Jordan Agriculture and Marketing Association (JAMA). The government decided to abolish the JAMA, whose duties were duplicating those of the 1982 Agricultural, Marketing and Processing Company of Jordan (AMPCO). AMPCO is presently responsible for organising local marketing, buying and selling produce and conducting Jordan's agricultural export and import business.

The JMO's role, according to Agriculture Ministry officials, will not clash with the duties of AMPCO since the former will be limited to conducting research related to marketing agricultural produce in the Kingdom and setting prices for those commodities.

The new organisation will also conduct feasibility studies on the agricultural sector and food industries and suggest recommendations on issuing import and export as well as re-export licences.

Syrian-Hizbollah tension subsides after edict is issued

(Continued from page 1)

have realised the importance of devout patriotic groups who have committed themselves to promoting Islam and fighting against the occupying Zionist forces, "IRNA reported.

Mr. Mousavi added that the Syrian-Hizbollah clashes were likely "due to the obstinacy of certain individuals," the agency said. He was speaking after a meeting of the government's political council.

The only direct reference to Syria came when IRNA quoted foreign dispatches as saying "Syrian forces attacked buildings around the evacuated headquarters of Hizbollah ... martyring more than 25 Shi'ite Muslims including six women and children."

The day the clashes took place, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was in Damascus for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

The Iranian daily Kayhan newspaper, which is close to Ayatollah Khomeini, blamed the attack on "disobedient Syrian soldiers ... (who) did not take into consideration the interests of their government."

Damascus Radio said Thursday the Syrian forces in Beirut "will continue to carry out their mission and no side, irrespective of who it is, can stop them."

Police confirmed that the militia offices in the heart of the city have been closed for the first time since militiamen wrested control of west Beirut from the Lebanese army in street fighting Feb. 6, 1984.

West Beirut has since been plagued by kidnappings, assassinations and a bloody power struggle among the ruling militia groups.

The Syrian forces entered west Beirut at the request of Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami and other Muslim leaders to restore order.

Voice of Free Lebanon radio said a Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia leader had met President Amin Gemayel, also a Christian, and agreed with him that they shared the same stand on "the illegal entry of Syrian forces into west Beirut."

Police said five Americans were escorted out of west Beirut to east Beirut on Friday ahead of Saturday's deadline set by the U.S. State Department for all U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon or risk penalties.

Brig. Kanaan raised the prospect that Beirut airport would reopen soon, saying: "We are ensuring the security of all citizens along the route to Beirut international airport. It is up to the Lebanese to decide on the reopening."

The airport in an area south of Beirut and has been closed since Feb. 1, apparently following

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Keep your word

THE Tower Commission investigating the Irangate scandal on Thursday issued a report accusing President Reagan of failing to maintain control over the United States National Security Council members who were involved in the scandal. At the same time, reports from Washington say that Reagan had issued a call for an end to the Gulf War, requesting the international community to help achieve this end. Perhaps the issuing of the call at this particular time was intended to ease the shock of the Tower report on the U.S. administration. But it is astonishing to hear the president issue such a call, as if he has just realised the danger of this war that has been going on for more than six years; and as if his administration had not contributed to prolonging this conflict by supplying arms to Iran. The Reagan call seems to us as an attempt to regain the administration's credibility which has been completely eroded. He ought to have controlled the behaviour of the members of his staff rather than issue a statement or a call for an end to the war. By supplying arms to Iran, the U.S. administration has set a very bad example for others which followed suit, and therefore Washington should now start to demonstrate to the world that it is now serious in its attempts to stop the war and that it will stop supplying Iran with arms. Credibility cannot be regained with promises and statements alone.

Al Dustour: Zionist propaganda

ISRAEL'S propaganda is busily focusing the light on the trial of Demjanjuk, the alleged Nazi criminal responsible for sending thousands of Jews to their death during World War II. It is quite clear that Israel has exhausted all its efforts in this campaign in cooperation with world television networks, trying to convey to all Jewish communities around the world a clear message about the aims of Zionism, and at the same time reminding the world of the World War II and its horrors. Zionism, as it is clear, has been following this course for many decades trying by every means to gain sympathy from world nations; and in the process, sometimes making up episodes about imaginary atrocities and oppression, which the Jews suffered at the hands of European Nazis. Recently world Zionism imposed on the world public opinion the idea that Kurt Waldheim, the former U.N. secretary general and now president of Austria, had been a Nazi criminal. But Zionism failed to convince the world in general and the Austrian people in particular of this new lie. The two episodes, Demjanjuk and Waldheim were only tools in the hand of Zionism with which to keep reminding the world of the Holocaust and to gain more sympathy and more help and also to fill the hearts of the younger generation in Israel of hatred towards other nations. Zionism hopes that through these actions Israel will gain further support and so perpetuate its hold on Arab land.

Sawt Al Shaab: Conference gains momentum

THE European Community's response to the Arab call for holding an international conference on the Middle East and the most encouraging stand of other world nations vis-a-vis this question are bound to pave the way for holding such conference which would put an end to the conflict and bring about a lasting peace to the region. Since the community's declaration in Brussels there have been fresh calls by the Soviet Union for such a conference, and backing by Timothy Renton the British minister of state during his visits to Saudi Arabia which ended on Thursday. At the same time, the idea of the conference continues to gain momentum around the world, including the United States to a certain degree. But despite all this, Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir still rejects the idea of the conference and continues to call for direct negotiations with the Arabs. This rejection is clearly intended as a tool for helping Israel avoid peace and so continue to hold on to Arab land. As long as Israel is inclined to expand its territory, its leaders will continue to reject all peace bids and all initiatives that can really achieve a lasting peace.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: EC sympathy

THE European Community member nations were not satisfied by announcing their concern over the continued instability in the Middle East region but called for speedy action for the convening of the proposed international conference. These nations have realised that the people of this area have been facing continued suffering — especially those in the occupied Arab territories who are exposed to Israel's repression and difficult economic conditions as a result of Israel's occupation. The European Community's declaration in Brussels called for the exertion of serious efforts for improving the living conditions of the Arab inhabitants in the occupied Arab land, and announced that European countries will extend urgent assistance to the indigenous population, and will give their agricultural products preferential treatment. This is being done, the declaration said, as a show of sympathy and a form of help to the Arab people who continually face Israel's repressive measures and intimidation. The European stand reaffirms the need for all states in general and Arab countries in particular to work in concert for helping the Arab people under Israeli occupation to regain their freedom and their rights and homeland.

Al Dustour: Israeli politics

THE Israeli government now seems to be facing a crisis threatening to break up the present coalition grouping the Likud and the Labour parties. The two parties are continually at loggerheads over a host of questions including the idea of an international conference. The Labour Party, headed by Shimon Peres, tries to benefit from a decision by European countries to convene the conference for resolving the Arab-Israeli question and make his party appear in the eyes of the world to be leading Israel to peace. Of course Peres and his party want to make personal gains out of the present position, and this stand does not mean that his party is really oriented towards genuine peace in the sense of giving up Arab lands and offering freedom to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Peres is trying to make gains and outbid the Likud by exploiting the idea of an international conference. The differences between the two parties came to a head with the announcement of the Eur. community that it endorses the idea of an international conference.

View From Amman

Failure and success in Arab-Zionist 'propaganda' war

By Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber

FROM its earliest days, early in the nineteenth century, modern Zionist thought emphasised the important role that Western governments could play in realising the Zionist dream of establishing a Jewish state in Palestine. From Napoleon Bonaparte's time to the present, the Zionists have continued to work diligently to maintain that Western connection, first in the establishment of the Zionist state and later in maintaining it. Germany, Britain, France and then the United States continue to be the life line of Israel. Capable Zionist organisation and dedicated leadership have succeeded not only in influencing decisions in favour of Israel, but in some cases, as in the United States, in capturing the heart and the mind of the peoples of the West.

While working on establishing and refining their influence in the West, the Zionists did not neglect their connections elsewhere in the world at large, nor did they slacken their efforts in Palestine itself. Like it or not, their dedication, organisation, leadership and methodology are very impressive indeed. So impressive in fact that they should have become a model for the Arabs to follow, which, sadly, has not been the case. On the contrary, whether in battle or in propaganda, we continue in our confused disarray almost leaderless while they continue to win political, military, economic and propaganda battles every day.

Almost every Arab leader knows, or should know that the continuing battle for Palestine is not a military one alone, but has other dimensions of reality as well: most of all in cultivating influence, and propaganda. From the middle of the nineteenth century we should have realised that the initial settlement, really colonisation of Palestine, could not have been accomplished without outside help to the Zionists. And now, after the passage of almost a century and a half, we still do not seem to understand that

lesson. Now as then, the Zionists remain but the advanced tip of the spear that continues to penetrate our life and culture and land. That we have failed, and continue to fail on the battlefield is only understandable in view of our stage of development, lack of the scientific approach and its applicability, technology. Why are we still failing elsewhere; in putting our point of view across to other peoples?

The question is an important one in at least two respects: First, because we are not fighting just the advanced column of Zionist colonists in Palestine now, the three and a half million there, but the entirety of world Jewry, which through our fault, has captured the Western mind and heart, and second, because the question must force us to seek answers within ourselves as well. The Arab World has the human talent and the financial resources to combat Zionist propaganda in the West and perhaps eventually to tip the scale in our favour. Out of the billions of dollars that have already been spent, and continue to be spent on conspicuous consumption and pleasures some should be earmarked for the propaganda battle. Why this is not done is a puzzle that neither aware Arabs nor those who sympathise with their cause throughout the world understand. If Arab leaders do not have enough faith in Arab talent to accomplish the job, as the case seems to be, then why not hire foreign talent to do it? With less than \$10 million two or three American public relations firms could be hired to explain Arab causes in the United States over the next two or three years.

Why not, especially since we do not seem to be able to fight for what is rightfully ours. What do we have to lose? \$10 or \$20 million is the price of but a few tanks or artillery pieces that either are not used or improperly used any way. At least we can say that we tried

and at least we can change the ugly image of us that the Zionists have cultivated in the Western mind.

From the thirteenth to the fifteenth of February, 1987, I participated in a seminar at Syracuse University in the United States which was entitled, "Human Rights and Peace in the Middle East." The title of the seminar was fascinating enough but what was more fascinating was watching American and Israeli Zionists succeeding in deflecting and reducing the issue to that of human rights and equating Israeli claims in Palestine, with Arab rights turning it into a battle of "right against right" or "the battle of two rights", as one American Jew stated.

The battle is not that of right against right but that of might that reduced right to a mere shadow of what it once was. In watching the psychological battle that raged in the conference I was saddened to witness another Zionist success, albeit small but nonetheless significant in its implications. Our quest for peace was never predicted on the assumption that there was anything just in the establishment of Israel, but under the force of the contemporary circumstances and our military weakness. The conference left me with the feeling that the Zionists may ultimately force us to agree that they have been right all along. That is why our battle is as much in America and elsewhere in the West as it is here in the Middle East otherwise some of the bright Palestinians who argued their point forcefully in the conference will continue to feel and stand naked and unsupported. In this conference I witnessed how quickly the total rejection of just a few years back has collapsed into a desperate search for ways to convince Israel to agree to a settlement. Though peace is a noble aim the spectacle was a sad one.

Tower report cites 'major policy mistakes' by Reagan, aides

WASHINGTON — Following are highlights from the 282-page "Report of the president's special review board" on the clandestine sales of U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of some proceeds to Nicaragua's contra rebels:

Failure of responsibility

The NSC system will not work unless the president makes it work. By his own account... President Reagan was deeply committed to securing the release of the hostages. It was this intense compassion for the hostages that appeared to motivate his steadfast support for the Iran initiative, even in the face of opposition from his secretaries of state and defense.

In his obvious commitment, the president appears to have proceeded with a concept of the initiative that was not accurately reflected in the reality of the operation... The president's management

Colonel North apparently worked largely in isolation, keeping first Mr. (Robert) McFarlane and then Vice Adm. (John) Poindexter informed...

Arms transfers to Iran

Two objectives were apparent from the outset: A strategic opening to Iran, and release of the U.S. citizens held hostage in Lebanon...

Whatever the intent, almost from the beginning the initiative became in fact a series of arms-for-hostages deals. The shipment of arms in November, 1985, was directly tied to a hostage release... the board believes that a strategic opening to Iran may have been in the national interest but that the United States never should have been a party to the arms transfers... They could not help but create an incentive for further hostage-taking...

NSC staff support for the contras

It is not clear how Lieutenant Colonel (Oliver) North first became involved in activities in direct support of the contras during the period of the congressional ban (1984-86)... There is no suggestion at any point of any discussion of Lieutenant Colonel North's activities with the president in any forum... Lieutenant

style is to put the principal responsibility for policy review and implementation on the shoulders of his advisers. Nevertheless, with such a complex, high-risk operation and so much at stake, the president should have ensured that the NSC system did not fail him. He did not force his policy to undergo the most critical review of which the NSC participants and the process were capable. At no time did he insist upon accountability and financial review.

Mr. (Donald) Regan also shares in this responsibility. More than almost any chief of staff of recent memory, he asserted personal control over the White House staff and sought to extend this control to the national security adviser. He was personally active in national security affairs and attended almost all of the relevant meetings regarding the Iran initiative. He, as much as anyone, should have insisted that

an orderly process be observed. In addition, he especially should have ensured that plans were made for handling any public disclosure of the initiative. He must bear primary responsibility for the chaos that descended upon the White House when such disclosure did occur.

Mr. McFarlane appeared caught between a president who supported the initiative and the cabinet officers who strongly opposed it. While he made efforts to keep these cabinet officers informed, the board heard complaints from some that he was not always successful.

Vice Admiral Poindexter on several occasions apparently sought to exclude NSC principals other than the president from knowledge of the initiative. Indeed on one or more occasions Secretary (of State) Shultz may have been actively misled by Vice Admiral Poindexter... Poindexter also failed grievously on the

matter of contra diversion. Evidence indicates that (he) knew that a diversion occurred...

(CIA) Director (William) Casey shared a similar responsibility. Evidence suggests that he received information about the possible diversion of funds to the contras almost a month before the story broke (in November 1986). He, too, did not move promptly to raise the matter with the president. Yet his responsibility to do so was clear...

Given the importance of the issue... Secretary Shultz and (Defence) Secretary (Caspar) Weinberger in particular distanced themselves from the march of events.

Secretary Shultz specially requested to be informed only as necessary to perform his job. Secretary Weinberger had access through intelligence to details about the operation.

Aftermath
The board found evidence that

immediately following the public disclosure, the president wanted to avoid providing too much specificity or detail out of concern for the hostages still held in Lebanon... In doing so, he did not, we believe, intend to mislead the public or cover up unlawful conduct.

Those who prepared the president's supporting documentation did not appear, at least initially, to share the president's ultimate wishes. Mr. McFarlane described for the board the process used by the NSC staff to create a chronology that obscured essential facts. Mr. McFarlane contributed to the creation of this chronology...

Recommendations

A president must at the outset provide guidelines to the members of the National Security Council and his national security adviser... The National Security Council is only advisory. It is the president alone who decides...

To serve the president well, the national security adviser should present his own views but he must at the same time represent the views of others fully and faithfully to the president... He therefore must not use his proximity to the president to manipulate the process so as to produce his own position... The national security adviser should focus on advice and management, not implementation and execution.

We recommend that each administration formulate precise procedure for restricted consideration of covert action and that, once formulated, those procedures be strictly adhered to... It is critical that the line between intelligence and advocacy of a particular policy be preserved if intelligence is to retain its integrity... We emphasise... the importance of maintaining the integrity and objectivity of the intelligence process.

We do not recommend barring limited use of private individuals to assist in U.S. diplomatic initiatives or in covert activities. We caution against use of such people except in very limited ways and under close observation and supervision.

Israel shown major mover in Iran affair

By Rodney Pinder
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Israel played a crucial role in the Iran arms operation, assisting at its birth and pushing the Americans on when they hesitated at crucial junctures, a presidential commission reported Thursday.

The panel also quoted White House documents as showing Israel dispatched a ship with captured Soviet bloc arms and ammunition for U.S.-backed contra rebels in Nicaragua — and recalled it when secrecy was breached last November.

The Jewish state's involvement in the Iran scandal was generally known almost from the day the secret White House dealings were exposed last November. But the new report provides a wealth of authoritative new detail.

According to one witness cited in the 238-page report, a chocolate cake carried to Tehran as a gift by U.S. presidential envoy Robert McFarlane was made in a kosher bakery in Tel Aviv. Iranian officials have said it was eaten by hungry airport guards.

The arms-for-Iran affair blew into a major scandal when the

White House said profits from the sales were diverted to rebels fighting the leftist government of Nicaragua.

The report said Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, a White House aide fired as a result of the diversion, was involved in a scheme with Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in September of last year to send arms and ammunition to the contras.

The United States at that time was forbidden by law to provide military assistance to the rebels. White House documents said the Israelis offered the weapons, but Rabin told the U.S. State Department the idea came from North, the report said.

A ship was sent to Haifa where it was loaded by Israeli military personnel and left for Central America. Rabin told the State Department later it was called back when it appeared the Iran arms story would become public.

The report drew a broad picture of the United States manipulated to a large extent by an Israel in pursuit of its own national interests, as well as by greedy international arms dealers seeking big profits.

But it stressed that ultimately

the superpower bore full responsibility for its own actions.

President Reagan's commission on the affair, which involved arms sales to Iran in hopes of freeing American hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon, said its three-month investigation had been unable to determine clearly whether the U.S. decision to open a channel to Tehran after six years of hostility was an Israeli idea.

Washington may have asked Israel to help or the scheme may have been started "by the avarice of arms dealers," it said.

Israel has said it took part at U.S. request, motivated solely by a desire to help the United States, its biggest ally and benefactor, when Washington was in difficulties over the agonizing captivity of American citizens in Lebanon.

Commission member Brent Scowcroft told a news conference Thursday that knowledge of Israel's role was incomplete as no Israelis made themselves available for questioning.

But he added: "There is no question that Israel encouraged, if it did not initiate, this policy and that they did whatever they could when it appeared to be flagging from time to time to renew its

vigour. I think the problem is that our goals and the Israeli goals were not synonymous, indeed in some respects they may have been in conflict."

The report said there was no doubt that shadowy Iranian businessman Manucher Ghorbanifar, a major intermediary, was pressed on the United States by Israel, which assured his bona fides. The CIA had branded Ghorbanifar as untrustworthy.

It said that from the genesis of the operation at the start of 1985, constant consultations took place between North and Israeli officials including Amiran Nir, counter-terrorism adviser to then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and David Kimche, director general of the Israeli foreign ministry.

It said Ghorbanifar and Israeli arms dealers Yaacov Nimrodi and Adolph Schwimmer, another consultant to Peres, had discussed in January 1985 using arms sales to free U.S. hostages and to open a strategic dialogue with Iran.

Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi, who "enjoyed a special relationship with key Israeli officials," also was involved, the report said.

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Heart pump fashioned from muscle holds hope for humans

By Michael Roddy
Reuter

PHILADELPHIA — A revolutionary heart pump fashioned from a patient's own muscle could someday aid thousands of people at a fraction of the cost of transplants, according to the doctor who has developed the device.

The device has been tested in laboratory animals, including a dog named Bruno who lived almost three months with an auxiliary heart pump fashioned from his own back muscle.

Bruno died after clots damaged his kidney — a problem that has cropped up with other artificial heart techniques.

But Dr. Larry Stephenson of the University of Pennsylvania, who has collaborated on his research with Swedish and British scientists, said he had several possible ways of solving the problem, including using an anticoagulant, or blood thinner, to prevent clotting.

Until a week before his death last month, Bruno was so peppy he could "outrun a cheetah and kill a grizzly bear," Stephenson joked during an interview in his office.

The key to the procedure, he said, is conditioning muscle from the back or some other part of the body to behave like heart muscle.

The procedure, which Stephenson expects to be tested in humans within a few years, involves

surgically moving back muscle to a patient's chest.

There, doctors condition it for several weeks and then reshape it into an auxiliary pump. Stimulated by a special pacemaker, the pump assists a weak heart in circulating blood.

"It's a tricky, neat device," Stephenson said.

He predicted his pump could potentially benefit hundreds of thousands of people with heart ailments around the world.

The device would help infants born with defective hearts and the thousands of people diagnosed each year to have congestive heart failure, in which the heart is unable to pump enough blood and body fluids accumulate.

Eventually, he said, the procedure could be done in any local hospital, would reduce demand for transplants and could be performed at a fraction of the cost of replacing a heart.

Dr. John Watson, head of the devices and technology branch of the government's National Heart Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, which had funded much of the research, cautioned in a telephone interview with Reuters that use of Stephenson's pump at this point was "purely experimental."

However, he said work by Stephenson and others to make one type of muscle perform like another was a major break-

through.

"It's an exciting prospect that you can alter the function and biochemistry and the shape ... of this tissue and have it perform a different function," Watson said.

Stephenson's research comes at a time when hopes for some other ways to help heart patients have dimmed.

People permanently fitted with artificial mechanical hearts have died as a result of blood clotting and related ailments. The devices are being used primarily as "bridges" to keep people alive until a transplant donor can be found.

Transplants themselves pose problems since donors are scarce and there is a risk the recipient's body will reject the new heart. A transplant also costs about \$100,000 according to a spokesman for Stanford University hospital in California, which performed 63 of the operations last year.

Stephenson said his pump would not be rejected since it is made of the body's own tissue and should cost "a half to a fifth" as much as a transplant.

To make a pump, Stephenson said he uses a muscle whose loss will not seriously impair movement. In Bruno, he chose a back muscle, the *latissimus dorsi*.

Surgically detached from its normal location, the muscle is conditioned inside the body for several weeks by subjecting it to

electrical pulses from the special pacemaker.

Usually, skeletal muscle shows serious fatigue after only a few hours of exertion — too short a time to be of use as a heart pump. But in a 1986 paper, Stephenson wrote that exposing skeletal muscle to "rapid repetitive stimuli" before it relaxes "causes the muscle to generate substantial force."

He said transformation of skeletal muscles into the equivalent of heart muscle was confirmed at Sweden's Karolinska Institute and England's University of Birmingham.

The muscle is shaped into a pouch lined with goretex, a synthetic material often used in surgery to replace blood vessels, linked to key blood vessels, and stimulate by a pacemaker to pump in rhythm with the heart.

Stephenson said that of five dogs fitted with the pumps, two died when connectors failed and one died of an infection. Clotting cropped up in the two others, including Bruno, but he said final lab tests were not yet available and it was not yet clear if the pumps had caused the problem.

He noted that the pumps had continued working in all the animals until their deaths.

"The worst thing that could have happened would have been if the heart had stopped," Stephenson said. "Then it would have been back to the drawing board."

Dutch planning to legalise brothels

By Paul Verschuur
The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — After centuries of tolerating prostitution as a necessary evil, the Dutch are proposing to at least make it more businesslike. The government wants to license and control brothels.

Since the early 1970s, the sale of sex has been legal in The Netherlands. Major cities have red light districts where prostitutes advertise themselves from behind shop windows. The "Walleijes" (the walls) district in Amsterdam's historic port area is one of Europe's most famous showplaces for the trade.

Members-only sex clubs cater to high-income clientele and

advertise in newspapers and on billboards.

However, a current municipal law makes it illegal to provide a place for the practice of prostitution or to procure customers for a prostitute.

This selectively enforced ban on giving others the "opportunity" to practise prostitution is the chief means that city hall uses to close houses of prostitution that are deemed public nuisances, usually because neighbours complain of loitering and vagrancy.

Under the new legislation, organised prostitution would be recognised as a legitimate business, opening the way for municipal officials to impose tighter control over the multimillion-guilder (dollar)

industry. In Amsterdam alone it is thought to employ at least 2,000 people, out of a population of 680,000.

The new law, expected to pass easily and take effect next year, would abrogate a 1911 ban on pimping. It would be illegal only if done "by force ... by threatening the use of force ... or by abusing any authority that stems from the actual relationship" between a prostitute and her protector.

However, police say pimping is not a widespread practice here, and point out that the new opportunities for regulating the sex industry are a more significant aspect of the statutory change.

Amsterdam practises what it calls a "toleration policy," allowing prostitution in

established red light districts as long as the houses are sanitary and safe.

Licensing those brothels would allow local authorities to set official standards for sanitary conditions, public order and "the safety and health of the prostitute," Mayor Ed van Rijn said in a recent report recommending the legislation to the city council.

"Contracts can be made between the brothel-keeper and the prostitute, which can lead to a less-dependent position of the prostitute," the report said.

"We are not aiming for more intensive controls over the prostitutes, but ... over the brothels," said Jan Visser of the De Graaf Foundation.

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — Feb. 28, 1987

8:30 Music Box

9:30 Dad's Army

10:20 Feature Film
O Lucky Man!

Starring:
Malcolm McDowell
Arthur Lowe
Helen Mirren

The story of a salesman trying to rise in a modern society full of shame and corruption.

Sun. — March 1, 1987

8:30 Who's The Boss

9:10 Doc. — The Day the Universe Changed.

The seventh in a series of ten programmes written and presented by James Burke (LTC) illustrating the development of Western knowledge. This programme looks at the rise of modern medicine and its surprising relationship with the invention of statistics, which doctors used to validate the efficacy of diagnoses and treatments. In particular it examines how bacteriology put the patient on a microscope slide and brought about a world in which even healthy human beings were reduced to statistics.

10:20 Springfield's Daughter

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Mon. — March 2, 1987

8:30 Executive Stress

9:30 William The Conqueror

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10:20 Fresno

Tue. — March 3, 1987

8:30 No Place Like Home
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Arthur's hope of enjoying some peace and quiet, now that his children are grown up, are dashed by his family's refusal to leave him alone.

9:00 Varieties

10:20 The Fourth Arm

Wed. — March 4, 1987

8:30 Three's Company

9:10 New Doc. — A Gentle Way With Cancer

Outside orthodox medicine there has been a wave of criticism from fringe practitioners who argue that man is an amalgam of body, mind and spirit. While medical science has made spectacular gains in treating purely physical ailments, it has been less successful in treating other diseases — cancer in particular — where the root causes lie as much in the mind and spirit as in the body. In the last few years, this philosophy has led to the establishment of a number of clinics where holistic medicine is practised in the fight against cancer. One of these is the Bristol Cancer Help Centre.



Feature film — The Salamander

It provides the focal point for this series of six documentary programmes, which takes an optimistic look at an otherwise frightening and depressing subject.

10:20 Captain and The Kings
Best Seller

Thur. — March 5, 1987

8:30 Paul Daniels Magic Show

9:10 Remington Steele
Steele of Approval

10:20 Feature Film
The Salamander

Starring:

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Martin Balsam

The story, from the pen of Morris West, one of the world's greatest story-tellers, is set in Italy against a background of high society, politics and finance. The myste-

rious death of General Pantalone touches off a chain of events which intelligence expert Colonel Dante Marucci and his associate Stefanelli are called to investigate. There is only one small clue — a visiting card bearing the crest of a Salamander.

Fri. — March 6, 1987

8:30 Throb
The Party

The employee of "Throb" agree to give a party at Sandy's house. During the party, Zack discovers that he really loves her.

9:10 Falcon Crest

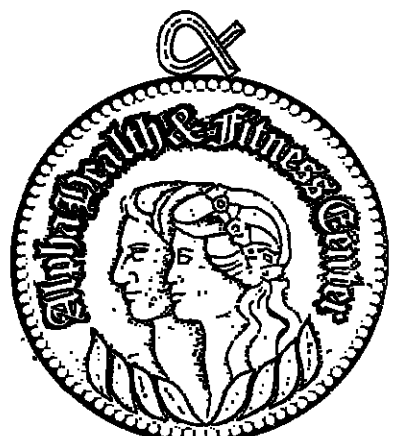
10:20 Paradise Postponed

Leslie Titmuss denies Charlotte's involvement in CND. Fred refuses to help with the court case. Simon Mallard-Greene tries to blackmail Fred. Arthur Nubble gives Fred a vital piece of evidence.



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Question: Has the centre a

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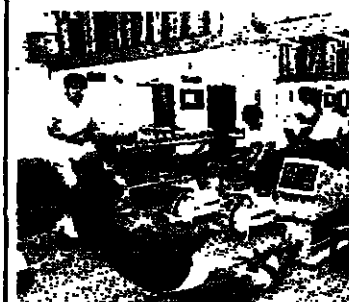
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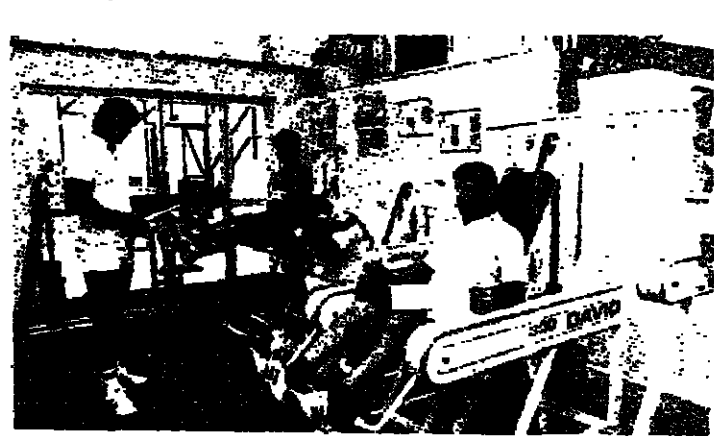
Answer: I would like to point out that a member should obtain a medical report from the centre's physician provided within the subscription arrangement. As to membership, it has been classified into three categories: Gold, silver and bronze and the sub-

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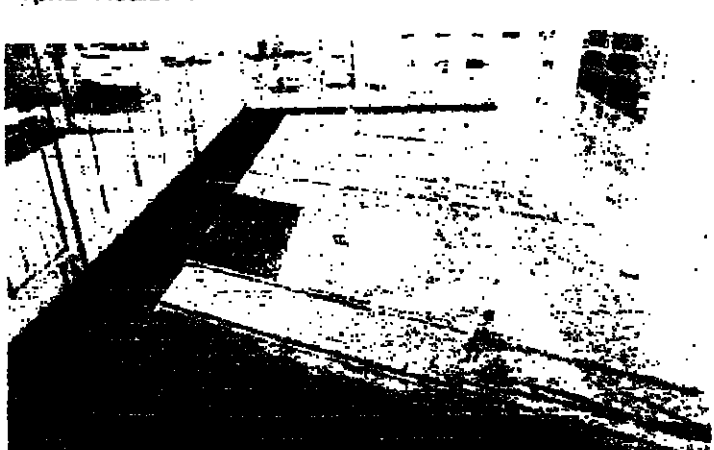
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Nystrom, Shriver upset in Int'l Players Championship

KEY BISCAINE, Florida (R) — Unseeded Paolo Cane of Italy upset eighth-seeded Joakim Nystrom of Sweden 6-1, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 to reach the third round of the \$1.8 million International Players Championship.

American Pam Shriver was a notable upset victim in women's action as 15-year-old compatriot Mary Joe Fernandez toppled the fifth seed 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the third round.

The top four women seeds — Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert Lloyd, Steffi Graf, and Hana Mandlikova — were all straight set winners.

Fourth-seeded Yannick Noah of France, a 6-7, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 winner over Javier Sanchez of Spain, also advanced Thursday along with fifth seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden, who eliminated American Greg Holmes 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Third-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany was forced to withdraw from the tournament when he suffered intestinal discomfort and entered a hospital for treatment.

Cane blitzed Nystrom in the first set 6-1, surrendering only seven points. The 21-year-old Italian broke Nystrom's serve in the

fifth and ninth game to win the second set 6-3.

Nystrom played more patiently in the third set, winning it in a tie-breaker 7-3. But Cane broke Nystrom's serve three times in the fourth set and only lost his serve once to win it 6-3.

Noah was frustrated by Sanchez' serve-and-volley tactics as the Spaniard won the first two sets 7-6, 6-4. Noah picked up his game, winning the next two sets 6-3, 6-4 by breaking Sanchez once in each set.

Noah broke Sanchez, a qualifier, in the tenth game with a back-hand passing shot that bounced off the net and landed out of Sanchez' reach. The Frenchman closed out the fifth set 7-5 on his second match point, as Sanchez hit a back-hand return long.

Second-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the world's top-ranked doubles player, cruised past American Scott Davis 6-3, 7-5,

6-4 and tenth-seeded Tim Mayotte of the United States defeated countryman Dan Goldie 7-5, 7-5, 6-3 in other men's second round action.

Shriver, who lost in the first round here last year, served poorly the entire match. Fernandez, coached by Australian Fred Stolle, broke Shriver's serve five times in the first set and held her own serve once to win the set 6-3.

"I knew if I returned well I'd give her a good match. She was having some problems with her serve because of the wind, but it was the same for both of us," said Fernandez, who compared this victory to her win at the French Open over West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, ranked ninth in the world.

Fernandez broke Shriver three more times in the second set, which she won 6-4. Shriver felt her main weapon, her big first serve, let her down.

"I broke her serve the same amount of times as last week, when I beat her 6-2, 6-1. I don't remember when I've broken serve five times in two sets and lost the match," Shriver said. "I could not control my toss. I felt terrible."

Schumacher stripped of West German captaincy

BONN (R) — West German World Cup goalkeeper Harald "Toni" Schumacher, whose allegations that fellow players take dope have rocked the soccer world, was stripped of the captaincy of the national team.

The West German football federation (DFB) said in a statement that Schumacher, 32, had also been dropped from a national squad training session next week.

The statement issued Thursday said the DFB would decide next week whether to take any further measures against Schumacher for bringing the sport into disrepute. The internationally-respected goalkeeper made the drugs claims in an autobiography due to appear next month.

The statement followed a meeting between national team manager Franz Beckenbauer, who is sharply criticised in the book, Starting Whistle, and DFB Chief Hermann Neuberg.

Schumacher had already been dropped by his club Cologne for his match next Saturday against Eintracht Frankfurt.

He said in an interview conducted before the DFB decision that he stood by the allegations. He said it had been necessary to make them in order to prevent a tragedy.

"These things had to be talked about before the day comes when

we see a player fall over dead on the pitch," Schumacher was quoted as saying in the newspaper Die Welt.

He dismissed speculation that he might be dropped from the national team altogether and said he did not regret the doping claims. "The main thing I wanted to make clear in my book was that dope-taking goes on in the Bundesliga. That is the truth and it had to be made public," he said.

He welcomed news that Cologne is to carry out doping tests on members of the team playing Frankfurt on Saturday and said the book had been worthwhile if it led to stricter controls.

Schumacher, who admitted he experimented with pep pills, said in the book that there was "a tradition of doping" in the Bundesliga.

He said that as a young player he regularly drove six experienced players in the Cologne team to a local doctor to collect pills or receive performance-boosting injections.

He said certain internationalists took dope including one Munich player nicknamed "the walking pharmacy."

Beckenbauer has bitterly criticised Schumacher's book and one former Cologne star has threatened to sue the goalkeeper.

Liverpool reaches Littlewoods final

LONDON (AP) — Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish, one week short of his 36th birthday and starting a game for the first time since Dec. 26, inspired his team to a 3-0 victory over Southampton and a place in the final of English Littlewoods Cup soccer competition, also known as the League Cup.

Dalglish, who selected himself only because several regulars in his squad were either injured or suspended, ended Southampton's brave challenge for a place at Wembley by scoring Liverpool's second goal 15 minutes from time.

The first leg of the semifinal at Southampton two weeks ago ended 0-0 and for the opening half of the return match at Liverpool, played in a snowstorm, the visitor defended in depth and battled hard in midfield.

But 21 minutes into the second half, Irish international Ronnie Whelan broke the deadlock and nine minutes later, Dalglish curled a superb shot round England goalkeeper Peter Shilton for Liverpool's second.

The third goal came seven minutes from the end from Danish international Jan Molby, earning Liverpool a place in the final at Wembley on April 5, its eighth domestic cup final appearance in 10 years.

Liverpool's opponent will be either Arsenal or Tottenham Hotspur, who play their semifinal, second leg on Sunday with Tottenham holding a 1-0 advantage from the first meeting against its arch north London rival.

Hungary's Portisch stops Short's streak in chess

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Nigel Short's winning streak in the Reykjavik International Chess Tournament was halted for the first time when Lajos Portisch of Hungary forced the Briton to a draw in the seventh round.

But Short, who won all his games in the six previous rounds, kept his overall lead in the 11-round contest with 6.5 points.

Portisch, playing white, put up a strong challenge Thursday night, and short, playing the so-called stone fence variant of the Hungarian defence, found himself under pressure. Portisch offered him a draw after 21 moves and three hours of play and Short accepted.

Portisch, Jan Timman of The Netherlands, who drew his seventh-round game with Helgi Olafsson of Iceland, and Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union, who beat Viktor Korchnoi, were in joint second place in the points league with 4.5 each.

Korchnoi, who defected from the Soviet Union in 1976 and now plays for Switzerland, was in third place with four points.

The seventh round ended with a total of eight of the 12 grandmasters taking part in the tournament settling for a draw.

India-Pakistan cricket test ends in 10th successive draw

JAIPUR, India (AP) — India and Pakistan played out their 10th successive drawn test and rival captains blamed the pitch for "boring draws."

India was 114 for 2 in its second innings when the skipper decided to call it a day Thursday after the 10th mandatory over was bowled in the third test of the current five-test series. Earlier Pakistan was all out for 341 in its first innings in reply to India's 465 for 8 declared.

"I am hoping the tracks at Ahmedabad and Bangalore will assist bowlers which will make some exciting cricket," Pakistan skipper Imran Khan said. "Nobody like to see boring draws."

"I do not see how either team can dismiss the other twice in the easy wickets we have had in this series," said Indian skipper Kapil Dev.

The traditional rivals, who have not played a decisive test since the fifth test of the 1982-83 series in Lahore, Pakistan, will battle again in the fourth test at Ahmedabad from March 4-9 and the final test at Bangalore March 13-18.

The highlights of the third test were the presence of Pakistani President Zia Ul Haq, who witnessed the game on Sunday, and a century by Rameez Raja, his second in test cricket.

The last two days of play were dominated by controversy, triggered when Pakistani alleged that Indian groundsman trying to repair a rain-soaked pitch had doctored the pitch with sawdust to help bowlers.

U.S. boxers stripped of titles

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Spinks was stripped of his International Boxing Federation world heavyweight title for refusing to fight top-ranked contender Tony Tucker. IBF President Robert W. Lee said.

The action was taken after a vote by the IBF's championship committee, a seven-member international body, on Thursday. It was the second such action taken in two days. On Wednesday, World Boxing Association President Gilberto Mendoza

announced that undisputed world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler had been stripped of his WBA title for not fighting the no. 1 contender. Hagler still holds the World Boxing Council and IBF titles.

In a statement released by the IBF's office in Newark, New Jersey, Lee said the vacant title would be filled in an "immediate elimination series" between Tucker and no. 2 contender, James "Buster" Douglas. The winner will defend the title within six months against Carl "Truth" Williams, Lee said.

Spinks had been scheduled to defend his title against the winner of the bout between WBA champion James "Bonecrusher" Smith and Mike Tyson, the WBC champion, in the culmination of a heavyweight unification series.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Jordan, Syria draw in friendly

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian and Syrian national soccer teams played to a 1-1 draw in friendly match Friday at Abbassin Stadium in Damascus. Jordan scored first with a 7th minute goal by Jamal Abu Abed. Syria equalized in the 60th minute through a goal by Walid Al Nasser. The friendly match was the second played by Jordan in preparation for the qualifying rounds of the Olympic Games; the first was with Dynamo Bucharest last Sunday.

Iran beats Kuwait in Olympic match

DOHA (R) — Iran beat Kuwait 2-1 (halftime 0-0) Friday in the first leg of an Olympic soccer qualifying tie. The second leg will be played in Doha on March 7. Scorers: Iran — Bijan Taheri (62nd min.), Karim Bazi (89th min.). Kuwait — Khaled Shabeeb (67th min.).

Chinese sportsman defects to Turkey

ISTANBUL, (R) — A Muslim Chinese swimmer who won a gold medal at last year's Asian Games has asked Turkey for political asylum, police said Friday. They told Reuters Mu La-Ti, 23, made the application on Wednesday under his Muslim name, Murat Tahir, and it was being considered. Mu is the latest of an estimated 100 or more Muslim Chinese from the western province of Sinkiang to flee to Turkey in the last decade. Chinese sources said, Mu was a member of the Chinese gold medal-winning 4x100 metres freestyle relay swimming team at the Seoul Asian Games.

Karpov, Sokolov adjourn chess game

LINARES, Spain (R) — Soviet grandmasters Anatoly Karpov and Andrei Sokolov adjourned the second game of their world chess championship eliminator in this southern Spanish town. The game, which Karpov opened with a queen's Indian defence, was adjourned after 41 moves when the two players exchanged bishops. Karpov had earlier declined a draw offered by 23-year-old Sokolov after they exchanged queens in the 31st move. Karpov, 35, earlier ordered his favourite clock, a Garde model made in East Germany, to be flown from Switzerland to Madrid and brought 400 kilometres by taxi to Linares Thursday to replace the Spanish clock used in the first game.

French racer advised against early return

PARIS (R) — French motor racing driver Jacques Laffite, badly injured in a crash last July, has been advised by his doctor to postpone a return to Formula One and will have another operation next week, the Ligier team said. Laffite, 43, the Doyen of Formula One, saw Professor Henri Letournel before joining the Ligier squad at the Italian Monza circuit where the squad is testing its new Ligier JS 29-02, powered by an Alfa Romeo engine. Laffite broke both shins and his pelvis in a crash at the start of the British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch, spent seven weeks in a Paris hospital, where he had a 14-hour operation, and has since been having water therapy.

Becker hospitalised for virus

KEY BISCAINE Florida (R) — Boris Becker was in hospital suffering from an intestinal virus which forced him to withdraw from the \$1.8 million International Players Tennis Championships. Dr. Edward St. Mary, who examined Becker, said Becker contracted the virus on Monday and was unable to keep food in his system. He said Becker was being treated intravenously with a saline solution and should improve quickly. Becker, seeded third, pulled out of the tournament Thursday morning just minutes before he was due to play his first-round match against unseeded American Derrick Rostagno.

British networks bar smoke-sponsored sports

LONDON (AP) — Britain's independent television networks said they would bar telecasts of sports events promoted by tobacco companies. Officials of ITV and Channel 4 said they would honour existing contracts but refuse to sign any new ones with events backed by cigarettes or other tobacco products. The only such event currently under contract to the networks is the Silk Cut Challenge single-wicket cricket tournament, with a two-year pact on ITV. Cigarette advertising is barred from British TV and Radio, but tobacco companies for several years have promoted sports events to get their names, advertising logos and colours across the airwaves.

WBC says Honeyghan bout non-title

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A victory by welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan over Johnny Bumphus last Sunday has been ruled a non-title fight by the World Boxing Council because the WBC didn't sanction the bout. "The main reason for our refusal to sanction it is that it was scheduled for 15 rounds, which goes against the measures for medical security of our organization," the WBC said in a statement. The WBC limits its championship fights to 12 rounds, unlike other boxing organisations which usually go 15.

European league roundup

French emerge from 2-month hiatus

LONDON (R) — Having spent the past two months luxuriating in warmer climes such as Togo, Senegal and the Antilles,

France's footballers should be flaunting enviable suntans when the league season resumes this weekend.

Not surprisingly, the unprecedented long winter break was being a resounding success. The sports daily L'Equipe asked 100 players what they thought of the experiment — which will be repeated next season — and 87 gave it their unequivocal approval.

Unlike even the poor spectators, the other 13 presumably enjoy being exposed to the wind, rain and snow.

Bordeaux, France's last European representative, prepared for the resumption of the league and its Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final with Torpedo Moscow against British opposition.

And although it was beaten at home by English League leader Everton and in Scotland by Glas-

gow Rangers, Bordeaux will be the most serious threat to First Division pacemakers Marseille in the second half of the season.

Bordeaux, two points behind Marseille, returns to work against seventh-placed Nantes, 3-0 winners at home when the clubs met earlier in the season and fresh from a short tour of Argentina.

Marseille's renaissance under former national team manager Michel Hidalgo and team chief Gerard Banide was one of the delights of 1986 and it should be quickly back to its winning ways against visiting Rennes, the bottom club.

Monaco's expensively assembled squad made a dreadful start to the current season but had risen to third place, one point behind Bordeaux, by the time of the winter break and should maintain the pressure on the top two by beating mid-table Brest at home.

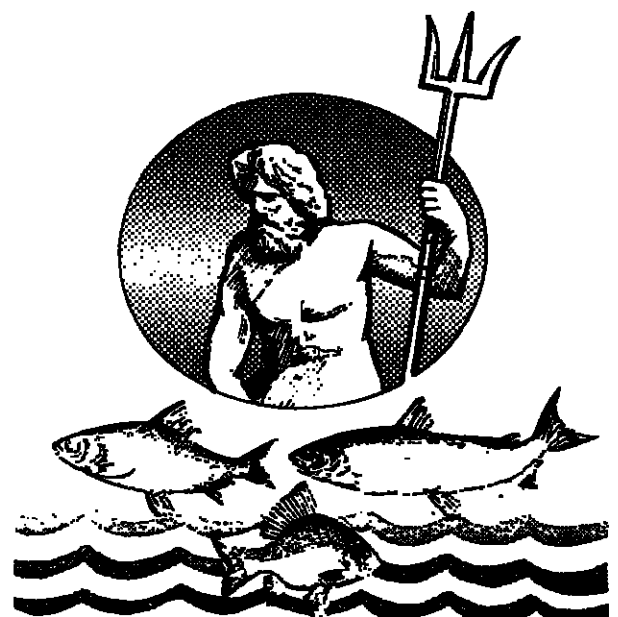
West German League leader Hamburg SV faces a stern test on Saturday when it travel to Werder Bremen. Hamburg broke one point clear of champion Bayern Munich in the first match after the winter break when it beat Borussia Mönchengladbach 3-1. Seventh-placed Werder, runner up last season, crashed 5-1 away to Nuremberg last week but will not willingly surrender its 43-match unbeaten home record.

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Alliance nudges Labour in London by-election

LONDON (R) — The centrist Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance has dramatically won an important parliamentary by-election for a London seat held by the main opposition Labour Party for 50 years.

Rosie Barnes, a 40-year-old mother of three, was elected in the Borough of Greenwich with 53 per cent of the poll, dealing a major blow to leftist Labour, which held the seat by a slender majority in the 1983 general election.

The unexpected result could persuade Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is expected to announce a general election this year, to think again about the timing of a nationwide poll.

The by-election was caused by the death of the sitting Labour member, giving the Alliance an opportunity to woo middle-of-the-road voters disaffected by Britain's traditional left-and-right-wing groups.

Mr. Barnes, a member of the Social Democratic wing of the partnership, won 18,287 votes, a majority of 6,611 votes over her

nearest rival, Labour candidate Deirdre Wood. The ruling Conservative Party candidate won only 3,852 votes.

Her victory will strengthen the tiny Alliance's hopes that it can hold the balance of power in British politics by winning sufficient seats in the next election to deny the main parties an overall majority in parliament.

Social Democratic leader David Owen hailed the result as being "like a breath of fresh air blowing through British politics."

He said: "I am quite confident that the (Alliance) are going to form part of the next government."

David Steel, the Liberal leader, described the triumph as a "momentous victory" for the Alliance.

By-elections often throw up distorted outcomes not repeated in national polls. But political

analysts said the Greenwich result Thursday provided no comfort for either Conservatives or Labour.

Anthony King, professor of government at Essex University, said: "This result is pretty awful for the Labour Party."

Many political analysts have predicted that Mrs. Thatcher might call an election in June, although she does not have to call one until next year at the end of her second five-year term.

Some supporters feel the Greenwich result should increase pressure on her to seek an early election lest the Alliance gains new momentum after its huge win.

Others believe that the Alliance's unexpected victory — especially when set against the ruling party's dismal showing — casts doubt on the wisdom of an early poll.

National opinion polls currently put the Conservatives, who have held power since 1979, just ahead of Labour with indications of a hung parliament.

France to buy 3 Boeing AWACS planes

PARIS (AP) — France signed a \$550 million contract with the U.S.-based Boeing Co. to buy three E3A AWACS early warning radar aircraft, with an eight-month option to buy two more, Defence Minister Andre Giraud announced.

The aircraft were vital to maintain France's independent defence system by detecting fast, low-level attacking aircraft, but could also operate jointly with similar British, NATO and U.S. Boeing AWACS.

Mr. Giraud told a news conference that Boeing had agreed to purchase French aircraft engines and defence-related aerospace equipment worth 130 per cent of the value of the contract in an "offset agreement."

The aircraft, of which the first two are to enter service at the end of 1990 or early 1991, also could provide cover for operations abroad, Mr. Giraud said.

France has been embarrassed recently by Libyan aircraft carrying out minor hit-and-run raids in southern areas of Chad, inside a dissuasive line held by French forces, whose ground radar apparently did not detect them. The Defence Ministry also cited forward cover of naval forces, mainly in the Mediterranean, as an AWACS role.

The total cost to France for purchase and entry into operation of the aircraft would be 5.75 billion francs (about \$958 million), he said. The cost also will cover training, provision for updating the aircraft over the next four years of their production, and other unspecified costs, he said.

Filipino rebels willing to resume peace talks

MANILA (R) — Communist rebels said Friday they were willing to resume peace talks as guerrillas killed a police chief and stole 100 firearms in a gunship raid, government reports said.

The police chief was one of eight people killed during the day, pushing the death toll to 116 in rebel-related violence since a ceasefire ended three weeks ago.

In Manila, chief government negotiator Teofisto Guingona said the door to renewed peace talks remained open and that a team of Roman Catholic bishops helping in the peace effort was now negotiating for the surrender of at least 70 guerrillas.

Elsewhere, Former Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile predicted a "more intense" insurgency war ahead and warned the government against any hasty revival of peace negotiations.

Philippine nationalist leader Jose Diokno died Friday after a two-year illness, members of his family said. They told Reuters Mr. Diokno, 65, regarded as one of the country's foremost nationalists and a leading critic of the 20-year rule of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, died at home during the night.

A former senator and pre-Marco justice minister, Mr. Diokno campaigned against the continuation of American military bases in the Philippines.

received an informal offer from the government to revive the negotiations but rejected it. She said she doubted the seriousness of the offer.

The rebels pulled out of the peace talks a month ago, accusing the government of insincerity. A week later, a temporary 60-day truce ended and President Corason Aquino gave the army the go-ahead for a renewed war.

In new incidents, rebels raided a gunship in nearby Pampanga province, shot dead two people — the shopowner and, later, the town police chief whom they encountered in their escape — and fled with 100 guns, the Philippine News Agency reported.

Nationalist leader dies

Philippine nationalist leader Jose Diokno died Friday after a two-year illness, members of his family said. They told Reuters Mr. Diokno, 65, regarded as one of the country's foremost nationalists and a leading critic of the 20-year rule of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, died at home during the night.

A former senator and pre-Marco justice minister, Mr. Diokno campaigned against the continuation of American military bases in the Philippines.

NATO approves Gen. Galvin as new allied commander

BRUSSELS (R) — A U.S. four-star general who has backed President Reagan's policies in Latin America is taking over as NATO's commander of allied forces in Europe.

A statement issued by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation said Gen. John Galvin would succeed Gen. Bernard Rogers at the end of June as the supreme commander of allied forces in Europe.

The appointment of Gen. Galvin, 57, chief of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, was formally approved Thursday by NATO's Defence Planning Committee which earlier expressed "great regret" at agreeing to Mr. Reagan's request that Gen. Rogers be released from his duties at the end of his present tenure.

NATO diplomats have made it clear that in spite of Gen. Rogers' unpopularity among the European to spend more on defence, the allies generally regarded as one of the most successful NATO supreme commanders in Europe.

NATO sources said many Europeans supported the wish of Gen. Rogers, 65, to stay on as Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) for a fifth two-year term from June but felt unable to oppose the White House.

The U.S. president traditionally nominates the candidate for the post.

Gen. Rogers, who had made it clear he was happy to continue in the job, said Thursday night he regarded Gen. Galvin as "a dedicated, qualified and professional soldier who will serve the alliance well."

NATO diplomats said Gen. Galvin was clearly more attuned to the Reagan administration's thinking than Gen. Rogers.

There was also recognition that Gen. Galvin had excellent credentials for a job that, in an East-West crisis, would put him in command of most of the armies of Western Europe as well as the 350,000 U.S. troops stationed there.

Checkland gets BBC top post

LONDON (R) — The BBC ended speculation over who would take over the top job in British broadcasting when it announced that it had promoted Michael Checkland to the post of director-general.

Mr. Checkland, currently the British Broadcasting Corporation's deputy director-general, beat five other candidates for the job which fell vacant last month when Alisdair Milne suddenly resigned after a showdown with the board of governors.

Mr. Checkland, a 50-year old accountant who joined the state-

chartered corporation in 1964, stepped in as acting head after Mr. Milne's resignation. As deputy to Mr. Milne, Mr. Checkland was in charge of the BBC's financial housekeeping, resources and administration.

His shrewd manipulation of the corporation's purse strings earned him the nickname "chequebook Checkland."

In a short statement, the governors said the decision to appoint Mr. Checkland had been unanimous.

Mr. Checkland declined to comment.

Church of England opens way for women priests

LONDON (R) — Women priests could be ordained in the Church of England within five years as a result of a vote paving the way for legislation to end more than 400 years of male domination of the priesthood.

The church's ruling synod, an assembly of laity, clergy and bishops, voted by more than two to one Thursday in favour of a motion calling for draft legislation to allow women to become priests despite threats of a breakaway by traditionalists.

Women in the church who have been campaigning for more than 20 years for the right to the priesthood greeted the vote as a landmark decision.

They regarded it as a significant step towards dismantling male bastions and traditions of Britain.

The spiritual leader of the church, Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, said there was still some way to go before women were ordained and allowed to conduct services.

Thailand begins drive against drug warlord

BANGKOK (R) — Thailand's Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda said Friday he had ordered a major military campaign against opium warlord Khun Sa, who heads the most powerful Burmese rebel group operating on the Thai-Burmese border.

Bangkok would carry out a sustained operation against Khun Sa's Shan United Army (SUA) until the group stopped trafficking in opium and heroin, Mr. Prem told a press conference.

"Our goal is to deny Khun Sa his long-held reputation as the kingpin of the Golden Triangle," Mr. Prem said, using the popular name for the opium-growing belt across Burma, Thailand and Laos.

Khun Sa, 54, argues he is one of several ethnic minority leaders fighting for autonomy from Rangoon but admits to profiting from

the opium grown in his native Shan state.

He has been operating near the Thai border since he was forced out of Chiang Rai in northern Thailand in 1982.

Thai Army Commander-in-Chief General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh later told reporters that Thai troops were dispatched to the border district of Mae Ai in Chiang Rai province earlier this week to keep SUA guerrillas out of Thailand.

There have not been any clashes with the group so far but Thai soldiers evicted a number of Wah guerrillas, another minority group operating in the area, he said.

Over 2,000 people have fled from Burmese border areas into Thailand to escape a sweep by Rangoon's troops against rebel strongholds, police say.

Mandela's daughter freed after questioning

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Security police took the daughter of jailed black leader Nelson Mandela into custody briefly Friday, reportedly after finding a pistol in the Mandela home.

Police said Zinzi Mandela, 26, was released after several hours of questioning. They declined to provide details about the incident.

Police officials said they had no information about reports from witnesses that several youths were taken into custody at the Mandela house Friday after a clash between rival groups. According to one Soweto resident, there was shooting during

the clash and one member of a soccer team sponsored by the Mandelas was injured.

A friend of the Mandela family, who declined to be named, said police raided the Mandela's home in Soweto about 8 a.m. (0600 GMT) and took Zinzi to police headquarters in the black township outside Johannesburg.

Another family friend said police told Winnie Mandela, Zinzi's mother, that they had come "about the gun on top of Zinzi's cupboard." Mrs. Mandela was surprised by the police statement, he said.

Meanwhile the justice minister reported Thursday a total of 121

people, six of them white, were

hanged in South Africa in 1986. Kobie Coetsee, in a written reply to a question in parliament, said those hanged also included 89 blacks, one Indian and 25 people of mixed race, one of them a woman.

He said the Indian, 44 of the blacks, 14 of the people of mixed race and all six of the whites were hanged for violent crimes committed against whites — who comprise about 15 per cent of South Africa's population.

Crimes punishable by death in South Africa include murder, rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Soviet pullout remains main issue in Afghan talks

GENEVA (AP) — The timetable of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan remains the pivotal issue in United Nations-sponsored peace talks to end the war, the Pakistan government said.

The government said in a statement that it intends to stand firm on its demand that Soviet forces should be withdrawn from Afghanistan in a few months.

While the talks continued, at least 35 people were killed and more than 200 others injured in the bombing of two Pakistani border villages Thursday by Afghan aircraft, government officials said.

Government officials at the scene said eight Afghan Air Force planes intruded 5 kilometres into Pakistani airspace and struck the villages of Ghulam Mohammad and Saigai near the town of Miranshah, 304 km south west of Islamabad.

The Afghan government claims rebels use the region as a staging area to launch raids against Afghan and Soviet troops.

On the issue of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Foreign Ministry statement issued in Islamabad said "three to four months" was a "reasonable and short timetable."

Norway's foreign minister dies

OSLO (R) — Norwegian Foreign Minister Knut Frydenlund, a political veteran and passionate supporter of the European Community (EC), died after suffering a brain haemorrhage, hospital officials said.

Mr. Frydenlund, 59, collapsed Wednesday at Oslo airport on his return from a meeting of the Nordic Council in Helsinki. He failed to regain consciousness and died Thursday morning, his doctor, Professor Erik Enger, told reporters.

Mr. Frydenlund was acting prime minister in the absence of Gro Harlem Brundtland, who was attending a conference in Tokyo. Mr. Brundtland immediately broke off her visit to Japan and was told of his death as she prepared to return to Norway.

Known as "Norway's most diplomatic diplomat," Mr. Frydenlund served the Foreign Ministry for 35 years from his first appointment in 1952, and served as foreign minister for almost nine years.

U.S. State Department issued a statement from Acting Secretary of State Whitehead condoling the government people of Norway and the family of Mr. Frydenlund.

"We were saddened to learn of the death in Oslo this morning of Knut Frydenlund. Foreign Minister Frydenlund was an old friend of the United States, and was well respected by all Americans who had the opportunity to meet and to work with him. All of us will miss him very much," Mr. Whitehead's statement said.

More Argentine officers held on rights charges

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Seven Argentine navy officers were arrested after appearing in court on human rights charges, bringing to 13 the number of officers detained in the past 24 hours.

All 13 are accused of committing rights abuses at a naval detention centre during the tenure of Argentina's former military government, which held power from 1976 until 1983.

Those arrested Thursday included Lieutenant Alfredo Astiz, who was earlier implicated in the kidnapping of two French men and convicted of abducting Swedish-Argentine youth Dagmar Hagelin during the former military regime.

Also arrested were two retired captains and four captains in active service.

On Wednesday police arrested six retired navy admirals who

failed to show up in court for arraignment, and issued arrest warrants for two retired captains who also failed to appear.

Thursday's closed-door hearings marked the first court action on human rights charges since a law took effect four days ago barring new indictments of military officers for rights abuses.

More than 150 military officers are now awaiting trial on rights charges following a flurry of indictments in the final days before the law barring further indictments took effect.

All the officers have been indicted for alleged atrocities at the Navy Mechanics Schools (ESMA), which acted as a clandestine jail during the height of the military's "dirty war" against guerrilla violence in the late 1970s.

Black intellectuals warned of white bias in West

MIAMI (R) — Black intellectuals were told that Western society is based on the idea of white superiority.

Some 1,500 people, many from French-speaking countries, are attending a conference here on the Negritude Movement, which celebrates black pride in African culture and heritage.

"The whole philosophy of the West is based on the inferiority of non-Caucasian people," said Rex Nettleford, 50, a Jamaican-born political scientist and literary critic.

"And if you look carefully you will see that every effort is made to maintain the status quo."

The effects of this white attitude could be found not only in Western countries but sometimes even in Africa, Nettleford said.

It was evident among black intellectuals and artists, particularly in the United States, who wanted to be thought of merely as members of their professional or artistic group and eschewed being referred to as black, he said.

"These things continue to pla-

gue us," he said, "in our fight against the continuing humiliation."

The conference honoured one of the founders of the Negritude Movement, Aime Cesaire, 73. Cesaire was joined in Miami by another founder, Leopold Sedar Senghor, 80, the first president of Senegal.

Although the theme of the three-day meeting is "Negritude, Ethnicity and Afro Cultures in the Americas," the opening day was distinctly cosmopolitan and the language of choice was French.

The movement, more prominent in French-speaking countries, has been criticised for representing only intellectuals and being more rhetorical than aimed at positive achievements.

Carlos Moore, a visiting professor at Florida International University, who is sponsoring the event he organised, described the movement as a "current of thoughts," and representative of all that African culture stood for.

Swedes find more 'bugs' in Moscow embassy

STOCKHOLM (R) — Swedish experts combing the country's Moscow embassy after the discovery of 30 listening devices last October have stumbled across 12 more of the "bugs" a union representing staff embassies abroad said Friday.

The Foreign Ministry confirmed that experts were making an electronic sweep of the embassy building but declined to comment on whether any further bugs had been found.

The report appeared in the Civil Servants' Union (TCO) magazine, which quoted well in-

formed sources. A large number of the diplomats and clerical staff at the Moscow embassy are members of the TCO.

The allegations are made at an embarrassing time for Sweden, which protested to the Soviet Union last year over the incident.

Moscow denied any responsibility for the listening devices but Sweden rejected the Soviet disclaimer.

Swedish Deputy Foreign Minister Pierre Schori is due in Moscow on March 5 and 6 to negotiate a visit to Stockholm by the Soviet foreign minister.

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Dubai bans Ugandan women visitors

KAMPALA (R) — The Gulf Emirate of Dubai has banned all Ugandan women except employees of National Airline from entering the Emirate, the airline has said. A notice, displayed in entering the Emirate, said a telefax from the Uganda Airlines offices in Kampala, said a telefax from the government of the United Arab Emirates, which is close to the decision. In Kampala newspaper Telecast, which is close to the Ugandan government, said Dubai imposed the ban because of the large number of Ugandan women engaging in immoral activities in the Emirate. Uganda's reputation as a centre of the disease AIDS was also a factor in Dubai's decision, it added. The ban led Uganda Airlines to cancel this week's flight to Dubai because the majority of passengers were women, airline officials said. The airline had already limited the number of women on any flight to 25 after several Ugandan businessmen were arrested in Dubai last year on suspicion of engaging in immoral acts.

Egyptian doctor wins bias suit

MIAMI (AP) — An Egyptian-born anesthesiologist who accused Jewish staff members at a Miami beach hospital of discriminating against him won a \$135,000 damage suit. Dr. Esmat Yaklama, 41, filed suit against Mount Sinai Medical Centre after he was forced to resign in 1981. The six-member jury unanimously found Dr. Yaklama was discharged "solely because of race or religion," and awarded him \$85,000 in compensatory damages. The panel also found the hospital acted with "malice, wantonness or oppression," and awarded \$50,000 more in punitive damages. Dr. Yaklama was studying to be an anesthesiologist at the time. He has since completed his training at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Yaklama, who said he is a member of the Coptic Church, said in his suit that his resignation from Mt. Sinai was forced solely on racial grounds. Many of the hospital doctors and staff members are Jewish and apparently objected to his nationality, said Dr. Yaklama's attorney, Vidal Velis.

Priest suspended for dancing on TV

ATHENS (R) — A Greek Orthodox priest has been suspended from his parish church in Athens after appearing on state television singing and dancing. Father George Katinas said he was fighting to modernise the church's attitudes and make them more relevant to people. "I will fight to my last breath for the ideals in which I believe. Modernisation, church justice, an end to obstacles put up by the church to people's problems," he added. Father George, from St. Catherine's Church in the Athens district of Plaka, said his suspension followed an appearance on a popular television programme last Sunday in which he sang Greek songs.

Couple abandon children, go to Greece

FLensburg, West Germany (R) — A court jailed a West German and gave his wife a suspended prison sentence for abandoning six of their nine children, including a seriously ill baby, and going to the Greek islands. The court in the northern town of Flensburg was told that Wolfgang Wendt, 47, and his wife Irmgard, 43, suddenly left home in March and went to Greece with three of the children. The others, ranging from the 11-month-old baby to an 11-year-old child, were left behind with some bread, milk powder and a few cans of food. It was five days later before the older children, worried about the baby's health, alerted neighbours. The parents were arrested by Greek police on the island of Crete a month after their flight and extradited to West Germany last September. The court jailed Wendt for 37 months and gave his wife a two-year suspended term. They were charged with child abandonment. Under West German law, they were not required to enter pleas. All nine children are now being cared for in a state home.

Shultz' tiger tattoo remains mystery

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said that whether he had a tiger tattooed on his backside was his last secret in the world and he was not going to reveal it. "I've been investigated by the FBI, the IRS (Internal Revenue Service), numerous leak investigations, by the Senate Intelligence Committee, the Tower Commission, by everybody," he told reporters on his way to Asia. "I don't have a secret left in the world. Even my mail is opened. That's the only thing I have left — what is on my rear end," he said and closed his mouth around a loud chuckle. A London newspaper last month reported that Mr. Shultz, an ex-marine, had a tiger tattooed on his posterior. There remains no official confirmation of the report.

Best-known gossipmonger buried

LONDON (R) — With a rusting typewriter atop a coffin full of champagne bottles, London's newspapers staged a funeral cortege to mark the demise of an immortal name in the history of the "street of share." Fleet Street, the heart of British journalism for decades, was the scene of a mock funeral by gossip columnist after the Daily Express announced the death of its 54-year-old William Hickey Diary. The men and women who chart the rise and fall of figures in high society with rapt wit and an acid pen were mourning the end of the Express column named after a prodigiously dissolute 18th century rake. When it began in 1933, the column was the first to turn social scandal-mongering into an art form.

Platoon maintains box office lead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Vietnam war drama Platoon continued to hold the high ground in the battle for the box office, beating out a varied field of competitors by taking in \$8.2 million more in earnings last weekend. Director Oliver Stone's grim war film, which has garnered eight Academy award nominations including Best Picture, reaped \$65.9 million in its 10 weeks in distribution. Meanwhile, Mannequin, a youth film about a store dummy who comes to life, jumped into the no. 2 spot by taking in \$5 million more in its second week. Shelley Long and Bette Midler's comedic sparring in Outrageous Fortune sold \$4.6 million in tickets, placing the Disney female buddy film third. Sylvester Stallone's Over the Top hung onto fourth place, muscling \$3.5 million in box office receipts. Australian Paul Hogan's Crocodile Dundee nudged towards the phenomenal \$150-million mark by adding \$2.1 million more last weekend. The adventure film, which cost \$8.5 million to make, has been in movie theatres 22 weeks.

Reward offered for stolen parrot

NICOSIA (R) — A British journalist Wednesday offered a reward if gunmen who looted west Beirut's Commodore Hotel returned its best known resident — Coco, the parrot which alarmed the unwary with imitations of incoming shells. "That parrot survived 10 years of warfare and I want it back," said Journalist Chris Drake in a press release. "It should have been moved a long time ago, but the staff insisted that it should stay because the Commodore would not be the same without Coco — an argument I had to agree with." He said 10,000 Lebanese pounds (about \$100) would be paid to whoever returned the grey African parrot, which could also whistle the opening bars of Beethoven's fifth symphony and the French national anthem. The Commodore, a west Beirut landmark and haven for a closed for good Tuesday. It was looted and badly damaged in last week's street fighting between militias.

GOREN BRIDGE

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WORLD CHAMPIONS OUSTED

Neither vulnerable. South deals.
NORTH
♠ A 9 8 4
♥ A K 10 7
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 10

WEST
♠ 7 6 5
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ A J 2
♣ J 6 3

four other players with many national titles to their credit, fell to the 25th seed in the second round. Leading by 10 International Match Points with only 16 boards to play, their unheralded opponents went on to win by 36 IMPs. The opening lead on this board accounted for 11 of those.

The auction shown is that of Hamman-Wolff. In their methods, the opening bid of one no trump showed 13-17 points, the response of two diamonds was forcing.

Since North had shown length in the majors and South had denied more than three diamonds, West knew that it was almost certain that his partner held four or more diamonds. Therefore, he led the ace of diamonds and continued with the jack, and the defenders took the first five tricks. (Slightly better would have been an opening lead of the jack of diamonds, retaining the ace as an entry in case it was needed.)

The auction in the other room was somewhat less revealing. West chose to lead the nine of hearts, and declarer took all 13 tricks when every suit broke favorably.

Even the strongest teams can no longer take their opposition for granted. In the recent Vanderbilt Team Championship, played in Portland, Ore., five of the top 16 teams were eliminated fairly early in the competition. And the team seeded ninth not only made it into the finals, but were leading after three quarters, before succumbing to the third seed.

A team including the two top Americans on the World Bridge Federation rankings, Bobby Wolff and Bob Hamman of Dallas, and